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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

*Letter from Rob Hatfield*



The Bible teaches us that love is a choice. Romans 5:6-8 paints a beautiful picture of this reality as it depicts God's love for us in Christ. The verses say, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." God deliberately and intentionally chose to love us. He knew who we are and He knew how costly it would be for Him to love us and He chooses to love us anyway. The story of Jesus coming at Christmas is the story of God's great choice to demonstrate His love for you and me. I'm thankful for the season of Christmas because it helps us to remember the incredible choices God made to be for us. I hope you will join me in continuing to celebrate the Christmas season this Sunday as we light the candle of love.

I also hope you have already made plans to be at "This is Christmas." If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, please go by the Spring Hill Activities Center or give them a call to pick them up. While the Sunday 4:00 is waiting list only, there is still availability for Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If you have never before been to "This is Christmas," then you need to know it is an incredible worship experience where our sanctuary choir and many others lead us to celebrate the birth of Christ. Through the wonderful language of music, you will be led to experience the glorious gift of love God has given us through His son Jesus. This is a worship service our congregation and community look forward to for an entire year. Please make plans to be there and to invite your friends to come as well!

*This is Christmas*

Saturday, December 8, 2018 | 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9, 2018 | 4:00 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary

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.



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## Sounds of Christmas



**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

## Our 2019 Mission and Ministry Plan A Blueprint for Ministry



After careful and prayerful consideration, the blueprint for our 2019 Mission and Ministry Plan has been created. This Plan passes through scores of hands as we endeavor to mesh out ministry objectives with a projection of offerings

that will be given by God's people called Spring Hill Baptist Church. The resulting ministry blueprint of \$3,418,436 represents our objective to Love God, Love Each Other, Love the World and provide missions and ministries in Mobile, AL and around the world. The 2019 Mission and Ministry Plan is available throughout the Church and can be viewed online at [www.shbc.cc/resources](http://www.shbc.cc/resources).

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 8:30 a.m. in the Dining Hall and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the sole purpose of adopting the 2019 Mission and Ministry Plan.**

CHRISTMAS EVE

# Carols & Candlelight

SERVICE

December 24, 2018  
5:00 p.m.



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## Christmas AT THE SHAC

**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.



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EVERYONE INVITED

Welcome  
New Member!



Keith and Simone Egerton  
*Keith by Letter & Simone by Statement for Baptism*



### Join us THIS Sunday, December 9 during the Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m. for The St. Paul's Episcopal School Chamber Singers

The St. Paul's Episcopal School Chamber Singers is a choir comprised of upper school students from St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile, Alabama, USA. Under the direction of Jody and Missy Powell, this group performs choral literature of many different periods and styles. In addition to providing anthems for monthly Eucharistic services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and performing concerts at school, this group is also known to appear in such venues as Carnegie Hall in New York, The National Cathedral in Washington D.C., the keynote performing group for the Alabama Music Educators Association In-Service Conference, the American Choral Directors Association state invitational program, Twice in the London International Choral Festival in London, England. On their most recent international trip to Italy they performed in the Church of Gesu-Frascati, Pompeii, San Sebastiani-Church of Peter and Paul. In Rome, Italy they performed Masses in Santa Maria dei Miracoli, The Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, and for Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.





# Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Wednesday, December 12  
5:30 p.m. | Activities Center  
7th-12th grade students...invite your friends, too!



*The uglier the sweater the better the party!*

Bring your favorite holiday dessert...we'll provide the rest!  
Call Josh at 342-5375 or email [jkarl@shbc.cc](mailto:jkarl@shbc.cc) if you have any questions.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is an annual collection by the IMB that goes toward the expenses of 3,667 missionaries. It enables missionaries to live in their country and supports ongoing ministry to people who have never heard the good news.



Last year, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supported global gospel work that bore fruit of 45,256 new believers baptized and 4,550 churches planted.

Spring Hill Baptist Church can play a part in taking the gospel around the world. Our goal is \$35,000 and as of Sunday, December 2, \$7,098 has been given. When you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 100% of your gift goes to missionaries on the field.

## Greeters Needed in Worship

We need additional volunteers to serve in our 8:30 Contemporary Service and our 11:00 Traditional Service. If you would like to volunteer for the 8:30 service, contact Kristen Roberts, [kristenroberts@southalabama.edu](mailto:kristenroberts@southalabama.edu) or Sophie Woodruff for the 11:00 service, [swoodruff@shbc.cc](mailto:swoodruff@shbc.cc).

## YEAR-END GIVING OPTIONS

Spring Hill Baptist Church members may contribute their tithes and offerings through giving appreciated stock. Appreciated stock is a good way to contribute to the church, because capital gains taxes are not assessed, and your contribution goes further. You can give more by giving stock and being found faithful in your tithes and offerings to do God's work at Spring Hill. If you plan to transfer stock, please call Denise Marsh at 251-342-5320 and she can help you with this transfer to the church.

## Seniors Can Save Taxes with an IRA Charitable RMD

A popular way to transfer IRA assets to Spring Hill is via a tax provision which allows IRA owners who are 70 ½ or older to direct up to \$100,000 per year of their IRA distributions to the church. The transfer counts toward the donor's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), but does not increase the donor's taxable income, thereby helping to reduce income taxes. Congress made this technique permanent in 2015. Please talk to your tax advisor and IRA Administrator about how to make a charitable rollover to the Spring Hill ministries.

## THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 9

8:30 a.m..... Contemporary Worship Service  
9:45 a.m..... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m..... Traditional Worship Service  
4:00 p.m..... This Is Christmas

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

9:00 a.m..... Prayer Shawl Ministry (AC)  
6:30 p.m..... Finance Committee Meeting  
7:45 p.m..... Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, December 12

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..... Business Meeting/Preschool Choirs Sing/Prayer Meeting(DH)

Thursday, December 13

9:15 a.m..... Ladies' Bible Study  
5:30 p.m..... Serve at McKemie Place

Friday, December 14

6:00 p.m..... Preteen Christmas Party (AC)  
6:00 p.m..... Children's Christmas Craft Workshop (Children's & Preschool Building)

Saturday, December 15

## Giving Thanks - Sunday December 2, 2018



Projected Weekly Needs .....\$107,982.80  
Sunday Contributions.....\$55,781.35  
Projected Needs to Date.....\$3,167,492.80  
Given to Date.....\$2,821,131.12



Adults.....291  
Young Adults.....63  
College .....5  
Youth .....64  
Preteen .....33  
Children .....58  
Preschool.....65  
Sub-total .....579  
OFF CAMPUS CLASSES  
Gordon Oaks .....15  
GRAND TOTAL .....594

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).



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

### 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.



## UPCOMING MAGIC TRIP

**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](mailto:owoodall@shbc.cc), or by texting her at 251-689-7088 to make a reservation.



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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!

## Extended Session for week of December 9, 2018

**Preschool A: Allen & Whitney Chandler**  
**Preschool B: Justin & Haley Davis(Early)**

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