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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

Letter from Rob Hatfield



Merry Christmas! Since we do not have a newsletter that will go out on the week of Christmas, this is the last best time to express my hope that you and yours have a wonderful Christmas season as you celebrate the birth of Jesus! I feel pretty confident that on Christmas morning, just as has been the case for many years in the past, Laurie and I will be summoned by our children who are giddy with anticipation to begin the festivities of opening gifts, having our traditional Christmas breakfast, and playing games with one another all day. This should be a day of great joy as we remind our hearts of the incredible gift God gave us so many years ago.

While I am confident that our kids will be delighted with the gifts they will receive, I confess that Laurie and I will be just as excited for them. It is good to give gifts that express our love for our kids and demonstrates we know them well enough to know exactly what they need and want. I wonder how God must have felt as He gave of

Himself to express His love to the world - giving us exactly what we needed and wanted so desperately, but could not provide for ourselves. God's gift of grace in the person and work of Jesus stands as the single most important gift of history. I am so thankful for what He gave and so eager to tell others about the incredible gift they can also receive in Christ!

I look forward with anticipation to continuing to worship the Lord with you during this season of Christmas with our services on Sunday morning and our candlelight Christmas Eve service on the 24th. I plan to come with a heart that is eager to glorify the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, to reflect on the incredible gift given for us, and to express thanksgiving and praise for what I cannot afford and do not deserve - His grace.

Our Holiday Schedule

December 24 | Christmas Eve Service | 5:00 p.m.

December 24-26 | Church Offices & Activities Center Closed

December 26 | No Wednesday Night Activities

December 30 | No Sunday School | Church Brunch served during the Sunday School hour.

December 31 | Church Offices & Activities Center open until noon

January 1 | Church Offices & Activities Center Closed

January 2 | No Wednesday Night Activities





Deacon Election Committee 2018 Report to the Church on the 2019-2021 Deacon Election

Committee Members were made up of past chairmen of the committee: John Powell, Chair (2013); Erk Ashbee (2006); Wayne Brannon (2009); Donnie Butler (2010); Rich Nenstiel (2016)

- Nomination Ballots Cast: **242**
- Valid Nomination Ballots Cast: **188**
- Invalid Nomination Ballots Cast: **54** (More than 11 names listed on the sheet)
- Every name on the valid ballots was counted

The top vote getters were submitted to the Financial Secretary to be evaluated in terms of tithing and regular attendance. That list included several women.

That report was delivered to the 5-member committee which then voted on whether or not each individual should be forwarded to be considered for the final ballot. This vote was taken after discussion of the Scriptural qualifications as understood by the committee members.

- Number of persons on the ballot: **18**
- Total Signatures of members to receive a ballot: **406**
- Total number of paper ballots cast: **393**
- Invalid Election Ballots Cast: **4** (More than 11 names circled on the ballot)

There was great participation in this process and all nominees received over 100 votes per person.

The eleven elected deacons for the term 2019-2021 are:

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|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Billy Bedsole | Ray Hammock | Mike Montgomery |
| Scott Browning | Gene Hendrix | Jim Murrill |
| Billy Cassidy | Ron Hodges | Philip Travis |
| Wallace Davis | Forrest Latta | |

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Year-End Giving Options

As the year comes to a close, please remember that you can contribute God's tithe and your offerings right up to the end of the year. While most people give checks or cash, there are many other ways to support Spring Hill Baptist Church and its ministries.

If you give stock, please contact Denise Marsh in the Finance Office, to confirm your gift and specify its distribution. Remember that a stock transfer might take a few days, so please give yourself plenty of time in order to assure that the church receives your gift no later than December 31, 2018. You may also contribute through our online giving feature on the Spring Hill Baptist Church website at shbc.cc/give-to-spring-hill-baptist-church/.

Contributions Accepted Through December 31

For your convenience, the Church Office will be open on Monday, December 31, from 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon. If you are unable to get your contribution to the church by 12:00 p.m., or have it postmarked by midnight, December 31, please call and we will assist you in any way that we can. Please remember that 2018 contributions must be received by the church or postmarked no later than midnight, December 31, 2018. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to God's ministries through Spring Hill Baptist Church in 2018.



DECEMBER 17, 2018 - FEBRUARY 15, 2019

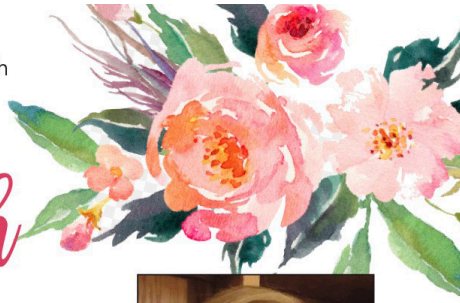
FITNESS SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 - 6:30 a.m.		emPower-U Boot Camp Alivia Weeks		emPower-U Boot Camp Alivia Weeks	
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.		Zumba Julisa Theodore		Zumba Julisa Theodore	
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.		Pilates Lauren Carr		Pilates Lauren Carr	
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.					
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.	Silver Sneakers Balance & Agility Lisa Rush		Silver Sneakers Balance & Agility Lisa Rush		
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.		Silver Sneakers/ Walking Lisa Rush		Silver Sneakers/ Walking Lisa Rush	
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.		Silver Sneakers/ Tighten & Tone Lisa Rush		Silver Sneakers/ Tighten & Tone Lisa Rush	Silver Sneakers/ Tighten & Tone Lisa Rush
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.		emPower-U Boot Camp Kathleen Coffman		Zumba Kathleen Coffman	



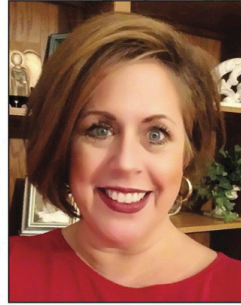
Contact: Colleen Smith (csmith@shbc.cc or 251-342-5375)
shbc.cc/ministries/recreation-and-activities-at-spring-hill/

Spring Hill Baptist Church
WMU and
Women's Ministry
present



For such a Time as This

Esther 4:14



Guest Speaker

Ashley Holmes McCrary

Ashley shares her love for Jesus Christ through her amazing story of her battle with ocular melanoma. She has shared her story on the Today Show, CBS Morning Show, NBC Nightly News, Dr. Oz, People Magazine, and at many speaking engagements. Her testimony will encourage you and help you understand that God has a plan and purpose for your life, and He will carry that plan to completion.

Ashley's many titles include wife, mother, daughter, sister, sales marketer, and Speech Pathologist. She grew up in Mobile and at Spring Hill Baptist. She is an Auburn graduate and currently lives in Auburn.

SUNDAY,
January 27
2019

5:30 p.m.
until
7:00 p.m.

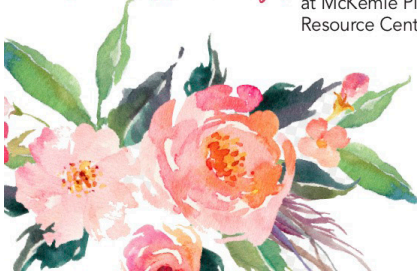
SHBC Dining Hall

Light Dinner
Tickets: \$10 each

Tickets available online at shbc.cc;
at the ticket table Sundays and
Wednesdays; and from the
Church Administration Office.

Mission Opportunity

Please bring **travel size toiletry items** for the women at McKemie Place, or **baby products** for the Women's Resource Center.



For child care: Contact Jean Leslie Pratt
(251) 421-5530 • jpratt@teamquality.com.

For transportation assistance, call the church office at 342-5320.

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 or Sophie Woodruff for the 11:00 service, swodruff@shbc.cc.

Sunday Brunch
December 30
During Sunday School Hour



THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Holiday - Church Offices & Activities Center Closed
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols & Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25

Merry Christmas
Church Offices & Activities Center Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Offices & Activities Center Closed
No Wednesday Night Services

Thursday, December 27

Church Offices Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Activities Center Open Regular Hours

Friday, December 28

Church Offices Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Activities Center Open Regular Hours

Saturday, December 29

Activities Center Open Regular Hours

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Giving Thanks - Sunday December 16, 2018



Projected Weekly Needs\$107,982.80
Sunday Contributions.....\$55,400.35
Projected Needs to Date.....\$3,383,458.40
Given to Date.....\$2,955,949.99



Adults.....292
Young Adults.....61
College10
Youth49
Preteen33
Children41
Preschool.....53
Sub-total539
OFF CAMPUS CLASSES
Gordon Oaks16
GRAND TOTAL555

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

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Supports International Missions

Every year during the month of December, Spring Hill Baptist Church joins other Southern Baptist churches to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Every dollar you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation. Named for a courageous Southern Baptist missionary who served in China at the turn of the 20th century, this offering is used exclusively to help provide the day-to-day support for missionaries sent around the globe by their Southern Baptist churches. Thank you for helping fulfill the great commission with your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



**Goal: \$35,000
Given to Date: \$20,817**

Please join us Sunday, December 23 as Drew & Sarah Moss share their testimony with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



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.

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 9:30 a.m. Due to popular demand, we will return to the Mitchell Cancer Institute for an informative lecture by Dr. Arthur E. Frankel, the Arlene and Mayer Mitchell Endowed Chair Chief, and tour the some of the research facilities. There is no cost. Sign up soon!

Please email Olna, owoodall@shbc.cc, or by texting her at 251-689-7088 to make a reservation for these trips.

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.

December 23-29, 2018

- December 23: John 13-15
- December 24: John 16-18
- December 25: John 19-21
- December 26: 1 John
- December 27: 2 John; 3 John
- December 28: Revelations 1-5
- December 29: Revelations 6-11

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 23, 2018**

Preschool B: Kristen Roberts & Lynn Jackson (Early)

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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