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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

Letter from Rob Hatfield



Caleb, my 5 year-old son, loves his bedtime routine. It is true that he has always known the value of sleep and has sometimes been known to announce (without prompting) that he is tired and needs to go to bed. It is also true that he loves the time we spend together before he gets into bed. A key component of that time is story time. No matter if Laurie or I am in charge of

him, the routine is constant. He gets to pick the book that we read (sometimes the adult reads, sometimes Caleb reads, and sometimes we both read - taking turns being the voices for different characters). Caleb loves the stories. Sometimes the stories teach him things, sometimes he goes on adventures with the characters, sometimes they make him laugh, and sometimes he feels concern or sadness for one of the characters, but then he tells us (and himself) that it will be ok in the end. Everybody will be ok, and he reads on.

This past Sunday we began a series of sermons that will take us through the books of Acts together. The theme of the book is stated clearly in Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Luke, the author of Acts, tells the story of how the early Christians were empowered by the Holy Spirit and used by the Lord to proclaim the gospel in the world. The stories we will read have many teaching parts, many adventurous parts, and some parts where the characters involved face significant peril. Along the way we will see how the church began, and how early Christians responded to the leadership of the Lord among them.

But the tales told are more than a simple account written long ago. The story of Acts is our story. It is our history, the narrative account of our people. It is also a wonderful vision of how we should be living in these days as we continue to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and spread the good news of Jesus in the world. It is finally a vision of how things will end when all who have made Jesus the Lord of their lives are saved and are, in the words of Caleb "ok in the end" (or is that the beginning?). Needless to say, I am excited about studying this book together in these days ahead!

Speaking of living in these days, in addition to continuing our study of Acts this Sunday we will be observing the Lord's Supper this Sunday in our morning worship services. I look forward to remembering what the Lord has done, reflecting on what He continues to do among us, and looking forward to what He will do in the days ahead as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

Observance of The Lord's Supper

Join us

THIS Sunday, January 13, 2019

as we observe

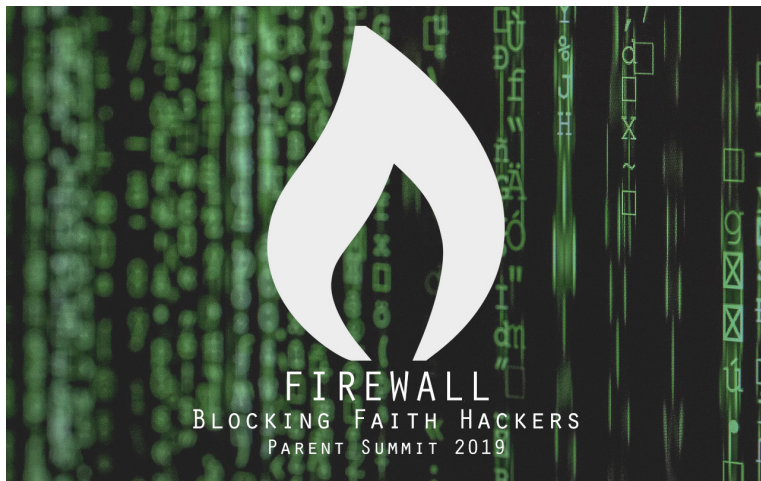
The Lord's Supper in both services.

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service
in the Dining Hall

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Service
in the Sanctuary



Parent Summit 2019
 February 2, 2019 | 4:00 p.m.
 Speaker: Dr. Michelle Anthony

She is the author of *Spiritual Parenting*, *The Big God Story*, *Becoming a Spiritually Healthy Family*, *A Theology of Family Ministry* and her newest book, *7 Family Ministry Essentials*. Michelle has over 30 years of church ministry and leadership experience in children's and family ministries and graduate degrees in Christian Education, Bible and Theology from Talbot School of Theology and and her doctorate of Education from Southern Seminary. To register online visit shbc.cc/register.



Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join our Financial Peace University group, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . together! Interested?

Sunday Nights | F-204 | 9-week | Begins February 10 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. | Tremaine and Tracy Martin – Facilitators

Walk through the basics of budgeting, becoming debt-free, planning for the future and more in a small group setting. Cost is \$50. (If you think that's expensive, attend 8 out of the 9 weeks and receive \$25 back at the end of the semester.)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW, shbc.cc/register.

Feel free email Bob Gladney, bgladney@shbc.cc your questions or sign up at shbc.cc/register.

Going BEYOND LIVE

with PRISCILLA SHIRER

LEADER GATHERING

January 17, 2019
 Spring Hill Baptist Church
 2 S. McGregor Avenue
 Mobile, AL 36608
 12:00 P.M.

JOIN US TO:

- Learn more about the upcoming Going Beyond Live event and how you can get involved
- Spend focused time praying for God to move in your area
- Enter to win a VIP prize that includes two front-row event tickets, one-night hotel accommodations, and more
- Receive two free tickets to the event when you host a table*

Invite your closest movers and shakers—your pastor, ministry staff, and friends in leadership—and RSVP at LifeWayWomen.com/LeaderGathering

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

LifeWay.com/GoingBeyondLive

*A minimum of three churches or ministries must be represented at your table to take advantage of this offer.

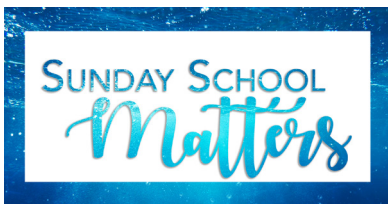


Date: February 15 - 17

Speaker: Derek Griffon

Cost: \$90 for the whole weekend (t-shirt included)

Online signup available at shbc.cc/register



Are you currently connected to a Sunday School Class? Here at Spring Hill we believe that the Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. We all need close relationships with other believers to walk

with us through the ups and downs of life and we all need to be deeply rooted in God's Word. We want to help you get plugged into a Sunday School Class to study the Bible and connect with other believers. Volunteers are available in the Welcome Center each week and they can direct you to a Sunday School Class. For more information about Sunday School, please contact Bob Gladney at 342-5320 or bgladney@shbc.cc to learn about a Sunday School Class that would be the best fit for you.

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

Tickets available online at shbc.cc/register; at the ticket table Sundays and Wednesdays; and from the Church 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, swoodruff@shbc.cc.

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service-Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service-Lord's Supper
3:15 p.m. Reflection
4:00 p.m. Spring Hill Singers Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Bible Blast Practice
4:00 p.m. Amazing Collection
4:30 p.m. Jr. High Singers

Monday, January 14

6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study "Crazy Love"
6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, January 15

9:30 a.m. Home of Grace
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
7:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, January 16

4:45 p.m. Supper (DH)
5:30 p.m. Music & Missions
5:30 p.m. The Workshop: Students
6:15 p.m. Business Meeting/Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
7:05 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 17

7:00 a.m. MAGIC to New Orleans Cooking School
9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study "Seamless"
12:00 p.m. Lifeway Leadership Lunch/Priscilla Shirer Event

Friday, January 18

Saturday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Upward Basketball Games Start

Giving Thanks

January 6, 2019

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs\$56,831.50
Sunday Contributions..... \$42,672.05
Projected Needs to Date.....\$56,831.50
Given to Date.....\$42,672.05

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults.....285
Young Adults..... 77
College 8
Youth53
Preteen35
Children43
Preschool..... 72
Sub-total573
OFF CAMPUS CLASSES
Gordon Oaks 14
GRAND TOTAL587

Rescue Mission Ministry

Looking for a way to get involved? Join us as we minister to the men at the Rescue Mission. **Our next ministry date is January 21.** Call 342-5320 for more information.

Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be going to the Home of Grace on **January 15** 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.



Bible Studies:

Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Activities Center | *Seamless* by Angie Smith.

Mondays, beginning January 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Activities Center | *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. To order a book for this study text Judy Wesson, 251-423-5402 or they will be available for purchase Monday, January 7 at the Activities Center.



Thursday, February 21, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

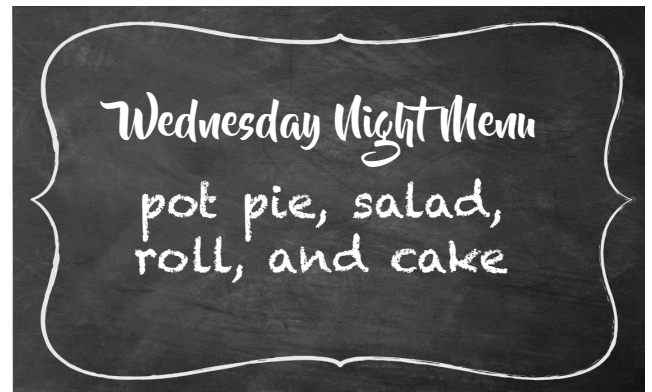
Due to popular demand, we will return to the Mitchell Cancer Institute for an informative lecture by Dr. Arthur E. Frankel, the Arlene and Mayer Mitchell Endowed Chair Chief, and tour the some of the research facilities. There is no

cost. Sign up soon!

Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 10:00 a.m. The Mobile Baptist Association joins with Cottage Hill Baptist Church for the Spring Senior Adult Luncheon. The cost is \$12 per person.

Friday, March 15, 2019, 8:45 a.m. Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival! We will travel on church buses. Cost is what you buy and what you eat.

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



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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 January 13, 2019

**Preschool B: Sean & Lyndsey Mahony (Early)
 Bob & Sophie Ream (Late)**

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In case of emergency over the weekend,
 you may reach the minister on call
 at 342-5320.