

A LITTLE BETTER THAN THE DEVILS

Joseph Alleine the puritan minister wrote "O miserable man, what a deformed monster has sin made you! God made you a little lower than the angels; Sin has made you a little better than the devils." "A little better than the devils". So... What does that make me? I'm sure I don't like the answer.

As a believer in Christ I genuinely have Him in my life. But I am a saved sinner carrying around a little of Jesus. What I desire is more of the Spirit, however trying to get more of Jesus is hard. Maybe it is that I don't need more of Jesus, but that he wants more of me. He wants to make me like him, yet if I am trying to stuff Christ into my self I truly leave little room for Him.

The following by C. S. Lewis explains it:
Christ Says "Give me All. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You... Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the desires you think wicked---the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself; my own will shall become yours."

Christ has not come to make us moral people; He did not die so we could be good little churchmen carrying him as our talisman. His purpose was to bring us to His father to bring us into His family, to know us and be with us in close relationship. He desires all of us in relationship with Him so in that communion with Him we are transformed through fellowship with Him.

Instead of thinking of church as a place to go, think of it as a dimension of your relationship in Christ. Worship, Sunday school, Bible study, fellowship, choir, student group, missions... all a part of this communion with Christ and with His body. See yourself as BEING Christ's man or woman. Join Him in relationship as you join others in activity. Give him more than your sin to forgive, your piece of Sunday or Wednesday... give him yourself. As followers of Christ at Spring Hill, Let us all join together allowing this place to be transformed by giving ourselves fully to Christ.

Let him move us away from "a little better than the devils" to being like the Son.

Awaiting more transformation... I'll see you Sunday
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HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT

- 1 Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.
- 2 Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.
- 3 Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
- 4 Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.
- 5 A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.*
- 6 Turn in boxes to the Education Office before **November 10** OR bring to the Worship Services on **November 10!**

ALL BOXES DUE BY NOVEMBER 10



Thursday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m.
 Please join us for a **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Fun Day**. Be here at 10:00 a.m. for shopping, we will return to pack and lunch will be provided. Email owoodall@shbc.cc to RSVP or text 251-689-7088

Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be going to the Home of Grace on **November 19** 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.

Rescue Mission Ministry

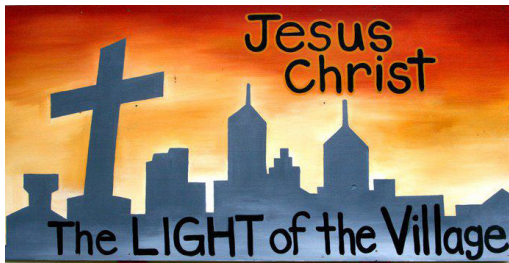
Looking for a way to get involved? Join us as we minister to the men at the Rescue Mission. **Our next ministry date is November 18.** Call 342-5320 for more information.



THANK YOU FROM THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to offer a heart felt Thank You to all who have donated money and yarn to this important ministry. Each prayer shawl is prayed over for an individual who is sick, a family member

who is caring for someone, and family members who have experienced loss of a loved one. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 in the Activities Center. For more information and to be apart of this loving ministry contact Yvonne Lawrence 251-421-3049. A box for donations is in the Education Office for your convenience.



FOOD DONATIONS TO NEEDY FAMILIES

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.



BRAZIL MISSION TRIP MEETING

November 10, 2019
4:30 p.m. | Activities Center

UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER

- 1 Junior High Fall Party
- 2 Student's Rake and Run Mission Project
- 3 TIME CHANGE - Fall Back
- 7 MAGIC Shopping for Operation Christmas Child
- 10 Operation Christmas Child Concludes
- 13 November Business Meeting
- 15-17 Student Ministry Retreat
- 17 Service of Remembrance
- 21 Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service
- 27 No Wednesday Night Activities
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holidays

DECEMBER

- 1 Lottie Moon Mission Emphasis Begin
- 4 Hoang & Kandy Huynh - Speak in Prayer Meeting
- 6 Children's Ministry Christmas Workshop
- 7 Upward Basketball Games Begin
- 8 Children's Ministry Volunteer Leader's Breakfast
- 11 Student Ministry Christmas Party
- 14 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. - This is Christmas
- 15 4:00 p.m. - This is Christmas
- 16 Christmas at the SHAC
- 18 Last Night for Music and Missions
- 19 Light of the Village Christmas Party
- 22 Children's Ministry Living Nativity
- 24 Carols & Candlelight Service
- 24-26 Christmas Holidays
- 29 Christmas Brunch - NO Sunday School; 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Only

AN ENCOURAGING WORD FROM YOUR DEACON BODY

Your deacon body is making good progress toward a satisfactory approach to church governance and ministry involving lay leadership. This is being accomplished with much prayer and cooperative spirit. Please continue to pray for your deacon body and your church as we look to the future with a renewed vision, following Christ as our head.

**Fitness, Fun & Fellowship
at the Activities Center!**



Check out the Fitness Classes at the Activity Center: Silver Sneakers classes, Tighten & Tone, Empower-U, Pilates, Balance & Agility, ZUMBA Fitness!

Shoot a few hoops and enjoy a short Bible study during Hoops & Hang, or just come and walk on the track with your friends.

Contact Colleen Smith, csmith@shbc.cc, for details, 342-5375 or www.shbc.cc/recreation

Save the date!!!

SHBC Marriage Conference
Saturday, January 11, 2019
from 4:30-8:00 p.m.

Guest speakers:
Barrett & Jenifer Johnson
from I.N.F.O. for Families

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, November 3
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Reflection Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Bible Blast
4:00 p.m. Spring Hill Singers Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Jr. High Singers Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Men's TIC Rehearsal

Monday, November 4
6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study
6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, November 5
9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Thursday, November 7
9:15 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study: "Esther"
10:00 a.m. MAGIC: Shoebox Packing
5:30 p.m. Serve at McKemie Place

Friday, November 8
Normal Church Office & Activities Center Hours

Saturday, November 9
Normal Activities Center Hours

*The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra of
Spring Hill Baptist Church present*

This Is Christmas
December 14th - 4:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
December 15th - 4:00 P.M.

Dec 6th - 11th
Tickets available online www.shbc.cc
and by phone: 251- 652 -1037

Ticket Office Open: Dec 6th - 13th
Office hours: 12 - 6 Weekdays, & 9 - 3 Saturday
At the Activities Center of Spring Hill Baptist Church

Giving Thanks
October 27, 2019

STEWARDSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Projected Weekly Needs \$70,761.75	Adults.....262
Received Sunday..... \$52,961.79	Young Adults.....77
Received to Date.....\$2,323,548.95	College2
Expenses to Date.....\$2,493,388.91	Youth49
Balance to Date.....(\$169,839.96)	Preteen.....25
	Children46
	Preschool.....67
	Sub-total518
	OFF CAMPUS CLASSES
	Gordon Oaks12
	GRAND TOTAL530

Wednesday Night Menu
spaghetti with
meat sauce,
coleslaw, roll,
and dessert



STUDENT MINISTRY FALL ROAD TRIP

Grades 7-12

November 15-17, 2019

Camp Baldwin | Cost: \$50

Buses pull out of Activities Center
Parking Lot at 5:00 p.m. on November 15

Speaker: Andrew Shiira

Band: Victory Days

Visit www.shbc.cc/register to sign up.



Please join us as we serve the women at McKemie Place on **Thursday, November 7**. 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 Offices & Activities Center will be closed Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29. The Activities Center will be closed on Saturday, November 30.



WHEEL A MEAL NEEDS YOU

Dauphin Way United Methodist Church needs volunteers to help prepare and package the meals. Cooks are needed from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Servers are needed from 10:30 - 11:00 AM. To volunteer or learn more about what is needed please contact Gene Bohlman, email: genebohlman@aol.com, phone: 251-661-0438

Church Office 342-5320

Dr. Rob Jackson Interim 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.



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 November 3, 2019

Preschool A: Bob & Sophie Ream

Preschool B: Zach & Kathleen Coffman (Early)

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