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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

ANTICIPATION

One Christmas Eve our family was gathered around the fireplace in the den opening Christmas presents from one another. My then 5 year old niece, who was a bit on the theatrical side suddenly stopped unwrapping, jumped up, threw her arms in the air and said with a dramatic flair "OH GOD, I JUST LOVE CHRISTMAS!", she then sat back down and resumed her unwrapping.

Do you remember that kind of unbridled passion? Why did you lose it?

It is still there, deep down inside. It comes from being present in the moment, looking around at people and not being so self-conscious. It comes best when we allow the Love and Joy of Christ to enter bringing us to LIFE.

This Advent Season may we live in the moment of the presence of Christ. In all that we do we can celebrate with anticipation how Christ will show up next in our daily lives. If we prepare, expect and spend time with Him in prayer and Scripture we will see him more clearly. He has come to give us LIFE. Let him bring us more to life as we celebrate the season of His coming. Then we can exclaim with the excitement of a 5 year old "Oh God, thank you for the love and life you brought that first Christmas."

I'll see you Sunday.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Terry

This Is Christmas



December 14th
4:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

December 15th
4:00 P.M.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CHURCH

Sunday, December 8

Wednesday December 11

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

Ticket Office Open in Activities Center
Dec 6th-13th
Office hours: 12-6 Weekdays,
9-3 Saturday

SHBC Student Ministry

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Wednesday, December 11th, 5:30 p.m. at the SHAC
7th-12th grade students...invite your friends, too!

Reindeer Games...Great food...and Prizes for the Ugliest Sweaters!
Bring your favorite holiday dessert...we'll provide the rest!

Call Josh at 342-5375 or email jkarl@shbc.cc if you have any questions.



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**

Children's Ministry Families:

It is a special tradition for Children's Ministry volunteers to pack a box of Christmas goodies to take home to their families. Please help us honor our Children's Ministry volunteers by bringing 2 dozen Christmas goodies on Sunday, December 8. Homemade or store-bought is great!



A Ministry of Prison Fellowship

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

For the past 25 years, Spring Hill Baptist Church has played a leading role in supporting the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program in Mobile County. This program serves children who have a parent in prison. Along with the new, wrapped gift, the gospel is delivered through age specific books. These gifts are then delivered to the child's home.

Those individuals wishing to participate can obtain a child's angel which lists the child's name, age and gender, from the tree in the Activity Center. Then the volunteer may proceed in one of three

ways:

1. A volunteer may choose to purchase and wrap a gift, attach the form and bring it to the Activity Center before Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Gifts will be grouped by neighborhoods and delivered before Christmas.
2. A volunteer may choose to donate cash or check (approx, \$20 per child) and we will purchase, wrap and deliver the gift to the child's home.
3. Volunteers wishing to help us wrap, sort and prepare the gifts for delivery may join us on Thursday and Friday morning, the 12th and 13th from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center.
4. On Saturday, December 14th, 2019 we will begin to deliver these gifts to the homes of the children. Anyone wanting to help deliver these gifts please give John a call at 680-4613 for more information. Gifts do NOT have to be delivered that day, just as long as they are delivered before Christmas.

We have the Angels available and they are located on the Angel Tree in the Activity Center now. If you would like for us to answer any questions, please call John at 251.680.4613.

The overall goal of this program is to allow the Love of Christ to touch those children that have been touched by crime. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will allow this program to once again serve all these children with the faith, love and hope that only Christ can give.

In Christ's Service,

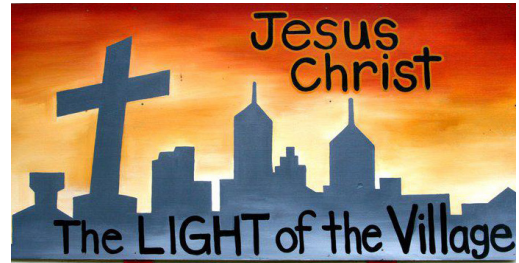
John & Dolores Eads

SHAC
Christmas
Grinch
Party

Monday, December 16
Activities Center Back Room
4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for taco soup, hot chocolate, cookie decorating and kettle corn by mmmPOP! We will also be showing The Grinch on the big screen!

Questions? Contact Colleen Smith, csmith@shbc.cc



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.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- John 3:16 (KJV)

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 8 Children's Ministry Volunteer Leader's Breakfast
- 10 Light of the Village Christmas Party
- 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
- 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

SHBC Children's Ministry Presents
The Living Nativity
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
 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. or 10:45-11:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 8

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

Monday, December 9

- 6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, December 11

- 4:45 p.m. Supper
- 5:30 p.m. Music & Missions
- 5:30 p.m. Students: Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Business Meeting
- 7:05 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

- 7:00 p.m. This Is Christmas Final Rehearsal with Orchestra

Friday, December 13

Saturday, December 14

- 4:00 p.m. This Is Christmas
- 7:00 p.m. This Is Christmas

I SAW

A GREAT MULTITUDE

FROM EVERY NATION AND ALL TRIBES... REV. 7:9

*Your generosity **MULTIPLIES** impact*

OUR GIVING GOAL: \$35,000

GIVEN TO DATE: \$5,325

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Giving Thanks

December 1, 2019

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Projected Weekly Needs	\$103,988.80	Adults.....	252
Received Sunday.....	\$66,286.93	Young Adults.....	57
Received to Date.....	\$2,681,103.96	College	1
Expenses to Date.....	\$2,829,723.06	Youth	35
Balance to Date.....	(\$148,619.10)	Preteen	18
		Children	23
		Preschool.....	42
		Sub-total	428
		OFF CAMPUS CLASSES	
		Gordon Oaks	14
		GRAND TOTAL	442

Wednesday Night Menu
 Christmas Dinner
 cranberry chicken, wild
 rice, vegetable
 medley, roll &
 Italian cream cake

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 Sunday, December 31, 2019 in order to go towards your 2019 giving record. If you are gifting appreciated assets, please let the Finance Office know of those gifts. Please contact Denise Marsh at 342-5320.



Save the date!!!

SHBC Marriage Conference
 Saturday, January 11, 2020
 from 4:30-8:00 p.m.

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

**Coffee, Music & Donuts...
 Christmas Edition!**
 December 16, 9:45 A.M.
 Activities Center Lobby
 Featuring Tony & Jackson Bowers

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 December 8, 2019**

Preschool A: Allen & Whitney Chandler
Preschool B: Stuart & Rebekah Baker (Early)

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