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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

**CORINTHIANS 13
A CHRISTMAS VERSION (ADAPTED)**

If I decorate my house to the nines for Christmas, but do not show love to my family, I'm just a decorator. If I bake cookies and prepare holiday meals, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook. If I volunteer and give to charity, but do not show love to my family and others, it profits me nothing. If I sing in This Is Christmas, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

When I was a child I talked with big wide-open eyes about Christmas, thought that Christmas was all about me, I reasoned that Jesus should have been born more often. When I became an adult, I forgot the joy, wonder, and excitement of this special time.

Now we just hear about the angels, shepherds, and wise men, but then we shall see them all the time. Now I have the Christmas Story memorized, but then, I shall see the Christ face to face and join with the angels, shepherds and wise men in falling on my knees to worship Him.

These three things remain to be done:
To have faith that the baby born in a stable is the Son of God.
To pray with hope that the true message of Christmas will not get discarded with the wrapping paper and unwanted gifts.
And the most important to have a love for others like the one that God has for us.

Join me Sunday at Spring Hill where everyone is welcome everyone belongs and we are reminded of the truth of Emanuel, God with us.

Terry Richey

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

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

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Carols & Candlelight

SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24
 5:00 p.m.



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: **\$12,027.50**

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24-26
 CHURCH OFFICES & ACTIVITIES
 CENTER CLOSED

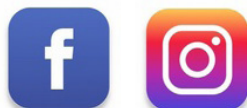
DECEMBER 31
 CHURCH OFFICES & ACTIVITIES
 CENTER OPEN UNTIL NOON

JANUARY 1
 CHURCH OFFICES & ACTIVITIES
 CENTER CLOSED
 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 5
 WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR
 SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL
 RESUME ON JANUARY 8.

Follow us @SpringHillBaptist
 Facebook & Instagram!



Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be going to the Home of Grace on **December 17** 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.

Coffee, Music & Donuts...

Christmas Edition!

December 16, 9:45 A.M.

Activities Center Lobby

Featuring Tony & Jackson Bowers



THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 15

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 16

8:30 a.m. Waterfront Rescue Mission
 4:00 p.m. SHAC Christmas Party
 6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 a.m. Home of Grace

Wednesday, December 18

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

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Sunday, December 29, 2019
 During the Sunday School Hour
 Dining Hall



Giving Thanks

December 8, 2019

STEWARDSHIP

Projected Weekly Needs\$103,988.80
 Received Sunday..... \$147,118.49
 Received to Date.....\$2,828,222.45
 Expenses to Date.....\$2,846,656.40
 Balance to Date(\$18,433.95)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults.....306
 Young Adults.....88
 College.....2
 Youth55
 Preteen24
 Children47
 Preschool.....61
 Sub-total.....583
 OFF CAMPUS CLASSES
 Gordon Oaks15
 GRAND TOTAL598

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 December 16.

Call 342-5320 for more information.

Wednesday Night Menu

soup, sandwiches,
 and dessert

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




He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Luke 24:44

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.

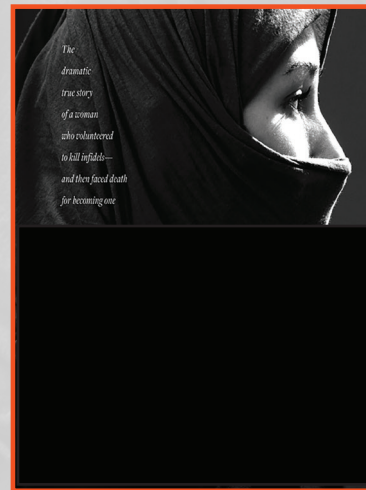


Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

THE MESSENGER, (UPS 512-220), IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARDI GRAS, JULY 4, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS).
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Story of a Couple

Spring Hill Baptist invites the church to hear the incredible story of how God brought two people together in Pakistan to share Christ in the U.S. with Muslims.



SUNDAY
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4:30 P.M.
Potato Bar

Dinner with a
Special Couple

Tickets: \$5

**Spring Hill
Baptist Church
Dining Hall**

Purchase tickets & their book at the ticket table on Sundays and Wednesday nights or from the church office.

**For childcare, contact Jean Leslie Pratt at 421-5530 or
jpratt@teamquality.com before January 23.**

Sponsored by Spring Hill Baptist Church WMU and Women's Ministry

Extended Session for week of December 15, 2019

Preschool B: Nick & Molly Fulmer (Early)