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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of John 1:4-5 & 14

Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. These four weeks of Advent keep pointing toward the coming of Christ. We decorate our homes with evergreens, candles, lights and ornaments. We prepare for the Christmas feasts. We buy gifts for loved ones and become more generous with the poor and neglected. In all of these practices, we seek to bring Joy and happiness and want it to last all season long. Now all these things are fun and good (and sometimes harried), but we often miss the Joy which has already been given. Christ, Emanuel, God with us. He has brought his Glory to earth. All these things we do to celebrate are pointing to the real Glory, the real Light. They are there to remind us to look to the origin of life.

Christ came into the world in an unexpected way. He came clandestine in the form of a human baby. Yet, in that small infant was all the Glory of the Father. That small body contained God. He carried the Word. Christ moved through the world seemingly a nobody, from nowhere, but when He spoke, things changed. When He befriended, people changed. When He died, the world went silent and black. But when He rose again and then ascended He released the Holy Spirit and it spread like wildfire over the earth and has continued for millennia!

His light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

O Christ that you would truly come and live among us so we will expose Your light to our self-absorbed, darkened world. Enable us to be the bearers of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace through your power. Bring us to life, dear Redeemer, so others see Emmanuel, God with us! Amen

Merry Christmas!

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.

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.



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

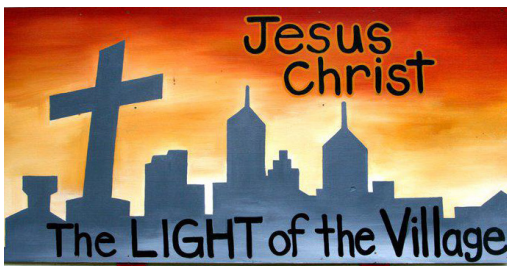
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL
RESUME ON JANUARY 8.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

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



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.

RENOVATE YOUR MARRIAGE SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020 FROM 4:30-8:00 P.M.

**GUEST SPEAKERS: BARRETT & JENIFER JOHNSON,
FOUNDERS OF I.N.F.O. FOR FAMILIES**

(INFO FOR FAMILIES IS A MINISTRY DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP FAMILIES THROUGH SPEAKING, PERSONAL COACHING AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT)

**NO CHARGE! PLUS FREE CHICK-FIL-A BOXED MEALS FOR DINNER!
FREE CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FOR BIRTH-6TH GRADE.
(CHILDREN WILL BE SERVED A PIZZA DINNER)**

SIGN UP ONLINE AT WWW.SHBC.CC/REGISTER OR CALL 342-5320.

Schedule of Events:

4:30-4:50 p.m. — Childcare Drop-Off & Check-in
5:00-5:45 p.m. — Renovate Your Marriage Part 1
5:45-6:15 p.m. — Chick-Fil-A Dinner
6:15-7:00 p.m. — Renovate Your Marriage Part 2
7:00-7:15 p.m. — Break
7:15-8:00 p.m. — Renovate Your Marriage Part 3



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: **\$20,507.50**

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

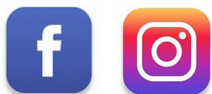


Check out the Fitness Classes at the Activity Center: Silver Sneakers classes, Tighten & Tone, Empower-U, Pilates, Balance & Agility, ZUMBA Fitness!

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

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Facebook & Instagram!



THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 22
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Living Nativity
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 24
Church Offices & Activities Center Closed
5:00 p.m. Carols & Candlelight

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas
No Wednesday Night Activities
Church Offices & Activities Center Closed

Thursday, December 26

Church Offices & Activities Center Closed

Friday, December 27 & Saturday, December 28

Church Offices & Activities Center Open for Normal Business Hours

Giving Thanks

December 15, 2019

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----|
| Projected Weekly Needs | \$103,988.80 | Adults..... | 279 |
| Received Sunday..... | \$57,612.82 | Young Adults..... | 58 |
| Received to Date..... | \$2,885,835.27 | College | 7 |
| Expenses to Date..... | \$2,930,598.43 | Youth | 46 |
| Balance to Date | (\$44,763.16) | Preteen | 18 |
| | | Children | 35 |
| | | Preschool..... | 54 |
| | | Sub-total | 497 |
| | | OFF CAMPUS CLASSES | |
| | | Gordon Oaks | 17 |
| | | GRAND TOTAL | 514 |

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:8-14



Please join us as we serve the women at McKemie Place on **Thursday, January 2, 2020**. 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!

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Esther & John

Seeking Allah ~ Finding Jesus

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
Esther & John

Tickets: \$5

Spring Hill Baptist Church Dining Hall

Purchase tickets & their book "Defying Jihad" 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

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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 22, 2019

Preschool B: Bill & Sarah Kleinschrodt (Early)

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