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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

HERE IS THE WORLD

"Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Do not be afraid."

Frederick Buechner

A noted author, theologian and Presbyterian minister, Frederick Buechner (pronounced BEEKner) is one of my favorites. He opens the entire box of this messy world and brings God's thoughts into the mix sometimes through fantasy and often through autobiographical writings.

The quote I opened with seems poignant now more than ever. We are in some terrible times yet in the midst of it I have observed people's hearts turn from selfish hoarding to generosity and care for one another. Neighbors are checking with one another and sharing supplies and food. People greet one another with distance but also with smiles and wishes of well-being. Ministers, churches and denominations are working together sharing ideas of how to minister and help. Christ followers are looking for ways to share the love and hope of Christ with others. Yes, beautiful things in the midst of terrible things.

Christ reminds us over and over: "stop being afraid." Do not fear. My dear friends, let us take hold of His promise. Let us pray to be filled with His grace and confidence in The Father. Ask Him to guide you to see the beauty and give away the love and hope to a fearful community. Pray that we the Body of Christ, all who claim the name of Christ-one, may truly be His hands, His feet, His voice and His love.

Here is the world...do not be afraid.

Peace,
Terry

WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATES

We are all concerned about the situation we face with COVID19. For each of us this is uncharted territory.

What is canceled/postponed until April 5?:

- All Sunday and Wednesday Activities (including worship services, rehearsals, Sunday school, Music & Missions, The Workshop)
- All Bible Studies
- Activities Center Closed (all fitness classes, workout room, walking track, etc.)

EASTER AT SPRING HILL

Palm Sunday | April 5

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate and shout "Hosanna" to Jesus the King as we remember His entry into Jerusalem.

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship

Organ Meditation | Wednesday, April 8

12:00 p.m. | Sanctuary | Bill Taylor, Organist

No activities, dinner or Prayer Meeting on Wednesday Night.

Sanctuary Choir to meet at 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service | April 9

This service will center on the Lord's Supper as we remember Jesus' words in the Upper Room.

6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary | Observance of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday | April 10

Holiday, Church Office and Activities Center will be closed.

Egg Hunt on the Hill | Saturday, April 11

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Resurrection Sunday | April 12

During our morning services, we will celebrate that Christ rose from the grave that first Easter, defeated death and sin for each of us, and is alive now and for evermore.

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School | Butterfly Release | Flower Cross

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship



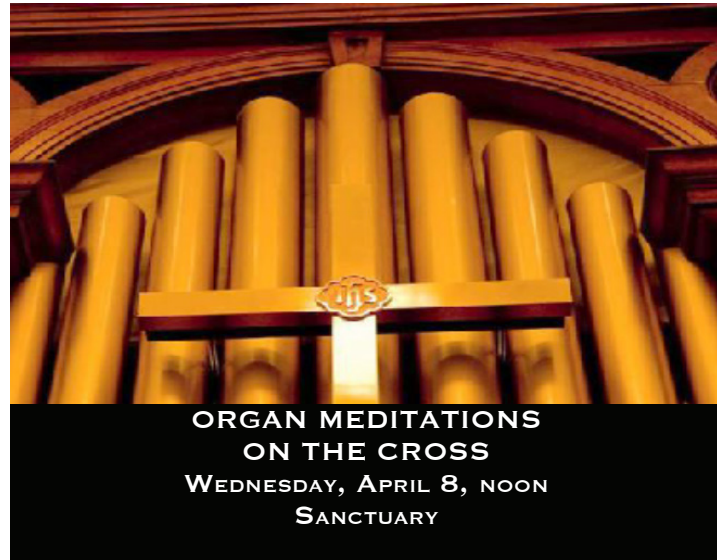
CHILDREN'S HONOR CHOIR

We are so grateful for these six Young Musicians, who represented us so well in the Alabama Baptist State Honor Choir Tour: Millie Benton, Briley Bethea, Mary Carlton Johnson, Elizabeth Martin, Clara Meadows and Emily Walton. Thanks for all their hard work and may the songs they learned and shared be in their hearts forever!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:22-26

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**ORGAN MEDITATIONS
ON THE CROSS**
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, NOON
SANCTUARY



This service will center on the Lord's Supper as we remember Jesus' words in the Upper Room.



The 2020 - 2021 Spring Hill Baptist Foundation Scholarship Applications for college and seminary students are now available. All completed applications must be returned by Friday, May 1, 2020 at noon. For an application visit shbc.cc/register, stop by the church office or email Beth Klees at bklees@shbc.cc.



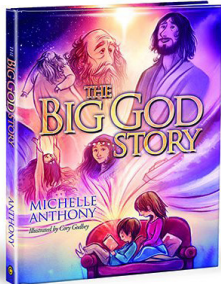
Class of 2020

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
MAY 3, 2020

PARENTS OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!
WE NEED YOUR STUDENT'S SENIOR PORTRAIT FOR THE SPECIAL MESSENGER HIGHLIGHTING OUR GRADUATES BY APRIL 22.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT STACEY KUNTZ,
SKUNTZ@SHBC.CC OR 251-342-5320

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



What a gift we have been given these two weeks - the gift of unprecedented amounts of time with our children & families! This presents parents with a special opportunity to disciple our children that we have never had before.

As you know, we have been immersing our children in the Big God Story this year in Children's Sunday School. We don't want our children to miss a single beat in this

curriculum, so we will be emailing you an "at-home" sheet each week, so you can cover the lesson with your child. This sheet will give you the scripture that would have been taught in class including a look-ahead to the next week, as well as a suggestions for family activities that will reinforce the lesson. Please check your email at the end of each week to see your child's Sunday School lesson.

Other Great Family Resources (available through Amazon)

- *Indescribable: 100 Devotions for Kids About God & Science* by Louie Giglio (elementary)
- *Read & Play Bible* by Zondervan & Gustavo Mazali (toddlers)
- *Friends with God Story Bible (Why God Loves People Like Me)* by Jeff White (elementary)
- *Sticky Situations: 365 Devotions For Kids & Families* by Betsy Schmitt (elementary)
- *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm (preschoolers)
- *Triple Dog Dare – 1 Year of Dynamic Devotions for Boys* by Jeremy Jones (preteen boys)
- *Fearless Faith – 100 Devotions for Girls* by Melanie Shankle (preteen girls)

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, March 29

All Services & Rehearsals are Suspended
Please visit www.shbc.cc for a recording of the Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, March 30

All Activities Have Been Suspended
Church Offices open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31

All Activities Have Been Suspended
Church Offices open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

All Activities and Services Have Been Suspended
Church Offices open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

All Activities Have Been Suspended
Church Offices open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 3

All Activities Have Been Suspended
Church Offices open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Giving Thanks

March 22, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$53,738.80
Received Sunday.....	\$28,377.88
Received to Date.....	\$620,718.20
Expenses to Date.....	\$580,404.97
Balance to Date.....	\$40,313.23

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Goal.....	\$25,000
Given to Date.....	\$7,207.00

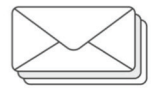
WAYS TO GIVE AT SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH



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During these unsettling days, what a great opportunity we have to point our children to God's love and care. There are so, so many verses that do exactly that, but here are a few for your family to use in devotion times and conversations. You might think about choosing a verse to be your family's "verse" or having your children illustrate several of these verses and hang them in heavily trafficked areas of your home.

VERSES THAT REMIND OF GOD'S LOVE & CARE

Philippians 4:6-7 English Standard Version (ESV)
6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

Matthew 6:31-32 English Standard Version (ESV)
31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

Isaiah 41:10 English Standard Version (ESV)
10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand

Philippians 4:19 English Standard Version (ESV)
19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.



John 16:33 English Standard Version (ESV)
33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Matthew 6:26 English Standard Version (ESV)
26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

Matthew 10:30-31 English Standard Version (ESV)
30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Psalms 16:8 English Standard Version (ESV)
8 I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

"Go forth into the world in peace; go forth to follow God's Good path; rejoice in God's Spirit; live without fear. God made you. God knows you by your name and loves you. And God will never lose you. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you forever."

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