

# LENT

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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

I was moved when I read the following email from one of our congregation. I pray you will find it encouraging as well. And yes, I did ask permission to print it.

Terry

*When the Lent season began, I asked God to show me what He wanted me to give up for Him. I knew it couldn't be food because I had been sick and was taking medicine; so, I sincerely prayed about it. I couldn't think of anything that seemed an appropriate sacrifice; so, sadly to say, I have not fasted.*

*Then, yesterday, while I stood in my front yard praying for our neighborhood and our world, God impressed upon me that this time of being separated from people we love and the places we love to go can be used as a time of fasting; a time to humble ourselves in God's eyes and to draw closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ. During this crisis, we need to care for people; but, we also need to remember to use the time we would normally be connecting and socializing with people to focus on Christ and our personal relationship with Him.*

*These last two- plus years, God has reminded me that spending time with Him, and glorifying Him, is to be the motivation for everything. While I stood in my yard and prayed for healing for everyone who is sick and protection for those I loved, questions flooded my mind. "Why. Why do I want healing and for this deadly virus to go away? Do I want it just so everything can go back to the way it's been? Do I want people not to suffer? Do I just want normalcy, so I won't be uncomfortable or worried? Although none of these reasons are bad because God tells us to pray about everything, the thought occurred to me that my prayer should be God would provide healing according to His plan in order for Jesus Christ to be glorified.*

*I know God is working in ways we cannot know. Jesus's name is being heard on the news channels on television more than I've ever heard before. They are even allowing*

*a "Faith Moment" for ministers to share an encouraging word! Jesus is getting lots of publicity all of a sudden.*

*Families are spending quality time together again as evidenced by my neighborhood. No more running from one event after another. Families, Mom's and Dad's and their children are walking and riding bicycles together; and, it's like a pet parade most evenings with everyone walking their dogs down the street.*

*Yes, I pray God will heal people who are sick and dying, and yes I pray He will destroy the Coronavirus; but, more importantly, I pray that through it all He will be glorified and that lost people, some whom are very close to me, will turn to Him and be saved; that believers in Jesus Christ, especially this believer, will draw closer to Him and love Him more!*

-Teresa J. Senn

## WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATES

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

We had hoped to have services Palm Sunday (April 5, 2020), however that would be unwise. We will continue to prepare worship services you can watch through our website [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc) and on our Facebook page. The worship service will be available each Sunday beginning at 8:30 AM. We will also be offering Wednesday evening prayer and devotionals each Wednesday evening beginning at 5:00 PM. You will be notified by email just prior to the service going live.

The church offices and Activities Center will temporarily be closed to guests BUT if you have a need or a question, please call our regular office number 251-342-5320 and your call will be answered or returned shortly.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Please continue to pray for one another and serve one another. Know we are praying for you.

# 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. - Worship Service available on the app, on Facebook and on the homepage of our website, [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc).

## Organ Meditation | Wednesday, April 8

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

This will be available to watch/listen on the app, on Facebook and on the homepage of our website, [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc).

## Maudy Thursday Service | April 9

This service will center on the Lord's Supper as we remember Jesus' words in the Upper Room. Observance of the Lord's Supper (information on how to do this at home will be provided)

This service will be available on the app, on Facebook and on the homepage of our website, [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc).

## Good Friday | April 10

## Virtual Egg Hunt on the Hill | Saturday, April 11

In an effort to keep our families safe and healthy, we're going to have to celebrate our Egg Hunt on the Hill @ Home. Please take some pictures/video of your family hunting eggs and post it on our Children's Ministry Facebook page Easter weekend. Let's be sure to share Easter weekend joy with one another!

## 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. - Virtual Butterfly Release

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

These services will be available to watch/listen on the app, on Facebook and on the homepage of our website, [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc).



## ORGAN MEDITATIONS ON THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, NOON

AVAILABLE ON OUR FACEBOOK & WEBSITE (SHBC.CC)

# MAUDY THURSDAY

JOHN 13:34-35

April 9, 2020

6:30 p.m. | Available @ [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc) & Facebook

Observance of the Lord's Supper

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Follow us @SpringHillBaptist  
Facebook & Instagram!



# Join our SHBC Virtual Egg Hunt

Print out one or more of the Easter Egg images from your email (**Please email [eholloway@shbc.cc](mailto:eholloway@shbc.cc) for a copy**).

Color the egg(s) and hang them on your front door or windows. When you "find" one of our eggs, take a picture and post it on the Children's Ministry Facebook page.

Happy Hunting!







**Class of 2020**

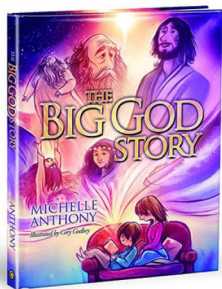
**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY**  
MAY 3, 2020

**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, April 5

All Services & Rehearsals are Suspended  
Please visit [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc) for a recording of the Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Monday, April 6

All Activities Have Been Suspended  
Church Offices are Closed

Tuesday, April 7

All Activities Have Been Suspended  
Church Offices are Closed.

Wednesday, April 8

All Activities and Services Have Been Suspended  
Organ Mediation Available Online at Noon on Facebook, our app, and on our website, [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc)  
Church Offices are Closed

Thursday, April 9

All Activities Have Been Suspended  
Maundy Thursday Service Available Online at 6:30 p.m. on Facebook, our app, and on our website, [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc)  
Church Offices are Closed

Friday, April 10

All Activities Have Been Suspended  
Church Offices are Closed

Saturday, April 11

Please participate in our Virtual Egg Hunt!

Dear SHBC Members,

Though we aren't gathering at the campus for church, ministry continues to take place. In order to sustain our momentum during this challenging time your contributions are essential. You can contribute by downloading our app (Spring Hill Baptist Mobile) on the app store. You may give through the website [www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc), or you may send a check by mail to 2 South McGregor, Mobile, AL 36608

We are working to have a drop box on campus for you to deliver your contribution should you need an outing.

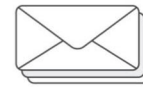
### WAYS TO GIVE AT SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH



Online  
<https://shbc.cc>



App Store:  
Spring Hill Baptist Mobile AL



Envelope  
cash + check

You may give online ([shbc.cc](http://shbc.cc)), through our app (search *Spring Hill Baptist Mobile AL* in the app store) or mail a check. If you are mailing your gift our address is 2 South McGregor Avenue, 36608.

**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  
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**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.

*"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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Psalm 118: 24 says "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." What an awesome reminder that each day is a gift from God with opportunities for us to rejoice! Here are a few ideas for fun activities to enjoy with your children as we have the opportunity

to spend lots of time together - THIS is the day!!  
Erica Holloway, Minister to Children and Families

**Enjoying Together Time**

- Create a daily routine, BUT keep it flexible ????
- Start the morning with a family devotion, time of prayer and a discussion of all the ways God has blessed our families
- Be consistent about participation in online/home school in time and location
- Get outside as much as possible! Explore and discuss all the wonders of God's creations – what a great time to do this as spring approaches. Blow bubbles, splash in puddles, take a walk, ride bikes, embellish your driveway with sidewalk chalk, hide Easter eggs, play in the sandbox, paint the fence w/water, look for 4-leaf clovers, build a fort, have a picnic, set up a bicycle car wash (just for the family) – just enjoy the fresh air!
- Go on a scavenger hunt in your yard, house or neighborhood
- Make a living room tent
- There are so many awesome online sites for taking virtual field trips – check some of them out!
- Many zoos offer web cams to keep an eye on animal friends during the day
- Take a prayer walk in your yard thanking God for His creation or take a prayer walk in your neighborhood praying

- for your neighbors
- Get out the play-doh and art supplies (even the messy stuff like paint & glitter ????) – put out a mat and let your children put those imaginations to work!
- Take out all of your board games and play as a family
- Make cards for grandparents and elderly friends – a "happy" sent through the mail would be extra special right now!
- This might be a great time to start that 5000 piece jigsaw puzzle
- Establish "turtle time" in the afternoons where everyone in the family goes "into their shells" to rest, nap, read, or journal
- Enjoy music & rhythms – if you don't have rhythm sticks, you can use wooden spoons and pots. Scarves and streamers are great for musical expression too.
- Read, read and read some more!
- Bedtime Bible stories and devotions



**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](http://shbc.cc/register), email Beth Klees at [bklees@shbc.cc](mailto:bklees@shbc.cc).

*Praise God for "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights"  
James 1:17 (NIV)*