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WHAT I BELIEVE MAKES ME WHAT I AM

The Apostle's Creed begins: *"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth;"*

Do we really? In the wake of this horrible worldwide pandemic our faith is shaken. We find ourselves confronted with loss. Loss of friends, family of finances and jobs. We have lost our routine and very little is familiar. It is as if we have stepped through a portal into a completely disorienting dimension. We look for normalcy; we seek an anchor or a mooring for stability. And we are fearful.

Now is the time for us to lean into what we have professed to believe. Now we can allow what we believe to make us who we are. We are created by the Maker of heaven and earth. We are loved by the Father's one and only Son who suffered and died that we might interact with a Holy God. And, we are given life eternal because on what we call Easter, He stepped from the grave and shattered death forever. Not only that, He is seated at the father's right hand interceding for us and empowering us through his Holy Spirit to trust Him, to be courageous and to not be afraid.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

A 20th century ragamuffin songwriter, Rich Mullins wrote: *"...And I believe what I believe is what makes me what I am. It is the very truth of God and not the invention of any man"*

You and I not without hope, no matter what happens, because we believe the Father. Be strong my brothers and sisters. Lean on God and on one another. Believe what God has said and done.

The Peace of Christ to you,

Terry

Join us for Easter Sunday Services

Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.

Butterfly Release 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Service 11:00 a.m.

Available at www.shbc.cc, on our Facebook page, and on our Mobile App.





Thank You

So many of you are continuing to be faithful by sending your regular contributions. Many online with the app or through the website and many also by mail. Some have even dropped it off in the mailbox. This enables our ministries to continue for not only our members but our community as well. Remember also our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

Your Prayers Mean So Much

Please know your prayers and words of encouragement to your staff have meant so much during this critical time. You are our church family and we are grateful to have the opportunity to serve such a loving congregation. Our desire is to keep us all connected to our Christ and to one another.

**THANK YOU,
SHBC STAFF**

Join our SHBC Virtual Egg Hunt

Print out one or more of the Easter Egg images from your email (**Please email 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!



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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**

A PERSONAL NOTE



When Pat and I brought her father, Charles Rowan, to live with us in Mobile, you embraced him with open arms. He immediately wanted to be a part of this local church and continue the faithful service to God he had always practiced. He loved coming to church and having people greet him and

“make a fuss” over him. It brought him, and us, great pleasure.

As God, in His mercy, called him home, you expressed your love toward us in so many ways and as a part of your staff, Pat and I wanted to thank you. Things that you assume are such little expressions mean more than you know.

Let this be a reminder to each of us how a simple word, handshake, note, smile, or typical Baptist casserole brings with it a great measure of love.

Much love to you all,
Pat and Terry Richey

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)

WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATES

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

We will continue to prepare worship services you can watch through our website 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.


Giving Thanks
April 5, 2020
STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$63,153.75
Received Sunday.....	\$52,793.90
Received to Date.....	\$710,446.24
Expenses to Date.....	\$627,989.03
Balance to Date.....	\$82,457.21
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	
Goal.....	\$25,000
Given to Date.....	\$11,426.80

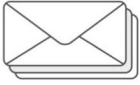
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Church Office 342-5320

Dr. Rob Jackson Interim Pastor
Terry Richey..... Associate Pastor
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Josh Karl..... Student & College Pastor
Erica Holloway.....Minister to Children & Families
Bill Taylor Asst. Minister of Music
Gretchen Crane Communications Director
Denise MarshFinancial Manager
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.

“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, email Beth Klees at 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)*