

April 16, 2020 Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD Mobile, Alabama

I have always wanted to go and spend a few days at a monastery in quiet, following the rhythms of prayer and silence of the brothers. I assumed this with would give me ample time to read, pray, meditate and renew my spirit and mind. The seeming simplicity was something I longed for. I thought I could gain renewal in my walk by doing this.

This season of guarantine could be that for me, yet I have stayed busy each day working on coordinating things with the staff, planning worship tapings, going through piles on the desk and yes doing a little clean up and fix up around the house. Many evenings I have chosen to veg in front of the television, searching for some inspirational or positive movie to watch. Thus, you have heard my confession.

But what if...what if you and I used this gift of time to sit silently before the Lord? What if we turned off the talking heads and chose to read in the presence of the One who gave Himself so we could know Him? How would it change us?

Easter isn't over. He is risen for all eternity. We have the privilege of meeting with Him at any given moment. This is why He came, why He suffered, why He died and why He rose to life again!

As we come before Him there might be some questions we ask and then quietly wait for the answer. For example:

- Father, what do I need to hear from You today?
- Lord, who needs my encouragement today?
- Jesus, what is my role in the body of Christ at Spring Hill Baptist Church?

These are just a few things that were brought to mind as I began to write today and thought I would share them with you.

Tradition in the early Roman church has it that on Easter Monday people would douse themselves with water as a symbol of the renewal life, remembering their

baptism and how we receive newness of life through Christ. This might be a good way to start, not necessarily by dousing ourselves with water, but taking time to renew by immersing ourselves in Scripture, prayer and service because of the new life we have been given.

When we return to gathering in person for worship, study and service, let us be ready to begin with fresh eyes, fresh hearts and fresh sprits because we have spent time with the Father.

- May the Risen Christ Jesus transform your life and your vision,
- so that you may live in reconciliation with all things; and

May the power of God's Holy Spirit move over this whole earth,

like the breath of spring,

to renew the earth and all its people,

so that all creation may join together in praise to God's holy name!

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Klees at bklees@shbc.cc.

Terry



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 <u>shbc.cc/register</u>, email Beth



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



Presented by The Spring Hill Singers

of Spring Hill Baptist Church Free Admission

Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Friday, June 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. St. Paul's Episcopal School Theater



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 <u>APRIL 22.</u>

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

Thank you to all that participated in the Virtual Egg Hunt and Egg Hunt on the Hill @ Home.



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 12, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$63,153.75
Received Sunday	\$44,829.40
Received to Date	
Expenses to Date	\$654,698.72
Balance to Date	\$100,576.92
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	
Goal	\$25,000
Given to Date	\$13,316.00

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Gretchen Crane	Communications Director
Denise Marsh	Financial Manager
Debbie Rice	Children's Music Coordinator
Missy Powell	Pianist

"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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In case of emergency over the weekend, you may reach the minister on call at 342-5320.



FACE MASK INITIATIVE ALABAMA WMU

Visit our website, www. shbc.cc/register to find a pattern and additional

information for a face mask that uses ties and has a pouch that allows the user to include some sort of filtration. Please pass this pattern along to all those you know who may be willing to sew. You may drop your face masks in a box near the front office.

If you have any questions please email Michelle Wise, wisedzyn@comcast.net.

Thanks so much!! Erica

CAN YOUR FAMILY HELP?

I'm looking for some families within our children's / student ministry who will "adopt" an individual /married couple who are homebound and just send them a note of encouragement

once a week during this time of social isolation. This can be a letter, homemade card, coloring page - just something that says we are thinking about you and praying for you.

If you'd like to participate in "mission encouragement," please email me, eholloway@shbc.cc, and I will send you the name and address of a SHBC Homebound member for your family to encourage during these difficult days.

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

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