



The  
**M**ESSENGER  
SPRING HILL  
Baptist Church

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Love GOD | Love EACH OTHER | Love THE WORLD

### I Was Born Homesick

The paragraph began with “I was born homesick.” And that is where I stopped. My mind went multiple directions. I thought back to the home I grew up in, surrounded by family as a child. However, mostly it is a homesickness for the intangible. Homesickness is an emotion. A longing for safety, security, peace. A yearning for beauty and wholeness.

I, on occasion, find myself homesick while reading fiction describing adventures where truth and goodness defeat evil. My heart longs for that place of goodness and justice. A kingdom where monarchs are benevolent, people are altruistic, and community and peace are precious. At times the sentiment surfaces and tears come. Fredrick Buechner in *Whistling in the Dark* proposes: “Whenever you find tears in your eyes, especially unexpected tears, it is well to pay the closest attention. They are not only telling you something about the secret of who you are, but more often than not God is speaking to you through them of the mystery of where you have come from and is summoning you to where, if your soul is to be saved, you should go to next.” Hebrews 13:14 reads: *For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.* God has placed in us a longing for His Kingdom. When we receive it, then it is up to us to share it with others.

Now I must admit I love this world - the family, the friends and I am in no hurry to leave. Still I long for that existence that will be even greater than I can imagine. C.S. Lewis wrote: “If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.” Yes, you and I were made for another world.

Many of us are homesick for corporate worship inside 2 South McGregor Avenue. We miss our church family, we miss the liturgy of the service we attend, we miss the community in worship. Yes, we miss it because we gather, and Christ is our focus. It is a piece of the Kingdom here on earth.

Since we were made for another world, and as scripture states, our citizenship has been transferred to God’s Kingdom, should we not represent that kingdom in our current temporal home? While we wait to regather. While we wait on the kingdom to come. Let us be about helping to bring what we know to be God’s Kingdom where we are.

Longing to meet together again,

Terry

*The*  
**STUDENT MINISTRY  
PICNIC**

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**JUNE 28 2020 / 6:30 PM**

*See you at*  
**Spring Hill Baptist South Lawn  
Bring: A Brown Bag Dinner and  
Blankets or Chairs**

FOR 7TH - 12TH GRADERS  
IN CASE OF RAIN WE WILL MOVE  
TO THE GYM

# THE REGATHERING

Your staff is so excited to finally implement the return to on campus Sunday worship! Our hearts began to beat faster and joy filled the room as we talked and planned for **THE REGATHERING**. The following are the calendar events leading up to the phased regathering. Please pray with us that it will be a safe and joyous return! This has been a difficult time for everyone and your staff has wrestled and prayed diligently to reach this point. Thank you for your support and your patient understanding. Now pray that we all would return with a new desire and power to follow Christ through His Holy Spirit.

## WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

- **Sundays in June**  
Services remain online only
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays in June**  
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary open for prayer
- **Wednesdays**  
Services continue online
- **THE REGATHERING**  
**Sunday, July 5**  
8:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service, Dining Hall  
11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service, Sanctuary  
*No Sunday School through July*
- **Sunday, July 12**  
Baccalaureate Service in Traditional Worship
- **Sunday, August 9**  
**Promotion Sunday**  
Sunday School classes resume 9:45 a.m.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22 • 7 p.m.**  
Sanctuary Choir Sectional Rehearsals
- **Wednesday, July 15 • 4 – 6 p.m.**  
**Drive through Baby Shower** for  
Women's Resource Center  
Young Adult Ensemble resumes 6:15 p.m.
- **Friday, July 17 • 7:45 p.m.**  
**Churchwide Community Movie Night**  
The Movie *UP!* Spring Hill College Field
- **Wednesday, July 29**  
**Full Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume**  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- **Sunday, August 2**  
Sanctuary Choir leads in worship
- **Sunday, August 16**  
Student Choirs Kickoff
- **Wednesday, August 19**  
**Supper and Bible Study Returns**  
**Music and Missions Kickoff**
- **Wednesday, August 26**  
***This Is Christmas* preview**  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

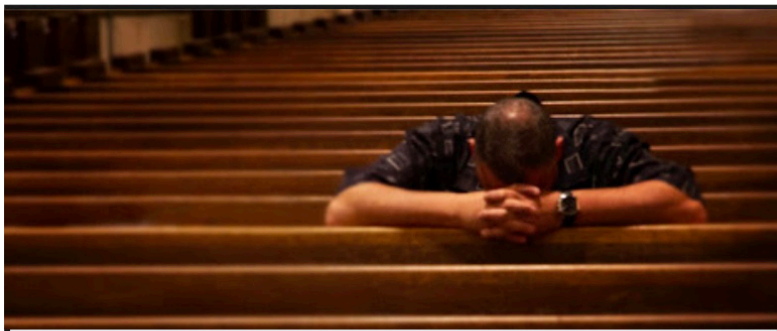


**insideout**  
God's love works from the inside out



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





## SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Prayer guides provided in pew rack.

Note: Covid precautions in place

**FREE** **SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Movie Night**  
**on the Lawn**  
 Friday, July 17th at 7:45 p.m.

**Watch for details soon!**

## Drive-thru Baby Shower

Wednesday, July 15, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

(to benefit our local Women's Resource Center)

Bring diapers, wipes, new or gently used clothing (birth-24 months), new car seats and new Pack n'Plays. Drop off items at our drive-thru in the church parking lot and we'll deliver your shower gifts to them!

Questions? Contact Erica Holloway, eholloway@shbc.cc, 342-5320.



## Giving Thanks

June 14, 2020

### STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs .....	\$50,244.45
Received Sunday .....	
.....	\$50,926.20
Received to Date .....	\$1,196,006.35
Expenses to Date .....	\$1,164,001.29
Balance to Date .....	\$32,065.06

### WAYS TO GIVE AT SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

You may give online (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.

## SHBC PRAYER WALK

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020

10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

JOIN US TO PRAY AROUND OUR CHURCH CAMPUS  
AS WE PREPARE TO REGATHER AT SPRING HILL.

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Facebook & Instagram!





**Church Office 342-5320**

Dr. Rob Jackson ..... Interim Pastor  
Rev. Terry Richey ..... Associate Pastor  
Rev. Randy Grim ..... Minister of Music  
Rev. Josh Karl ..... Student & College Pastor  
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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.

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

Philippians 4:4-8

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**Great Job Spring Hill!**

Once again, you showed up for our "Feeding the Gulf Coast" Food Drive drop off. Because of your generosity, we filled up five shipping containers with over 2,600 pounds of food and received over \$5,100 in donations! A big "thank you" to our awesome volunteers and to our SHBC family for living Inside Out!

