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A worshipping family of believers in Jesus Christ committed to understanding, living and sharing His message of hope for all people.

UNANCHORED

It seems we are adrift at sea. Our sail is shredded, our anchor gone, compass broken, and the north star hidden in thick clouds. The markers that usually give us bearings have disappeared or morphed into something unrecognizable. And certainly, for those of us in the body of Christ, our typical rhythms and liturgy of the week is discombobulated. Welcome to the disorienting impact of 2020.

I find it fascinating that for many in the church, we were old for years that our practice had become stale and unappealing. We were urged by “church experts” to do away with the churchiness, to change our venues and our approach to broaden the appeal. But what I find interesting is that what we are now missing in this pandemic is not necessarily the entertainment value of church but the communion of saints. We miss the corporate prayers, the anthems, the hymns, the Scripture, the small group Bible study and the sharing of burdens. We miss the prayers for one another.

Some have been able to return, but it is still odd. Scattered throughout the sanctuary or dining hall separated by empty pews and seats. Congregants masked so that often we have difficulty recognizing one another. Others have chosen, and rightly so, to stay safer at home and watch live stream or delayed broadcast, but there still is a hollowness to it. So much so that many times we must neglect to even bother to watch. Believe me I understand. This is a difficult time. We have lost something. Our liturgy has changed and the effort to continue seems unsatisfying.

Yet the Good News is that God has not changed. Christ is risen and His redemption for His bride continues! All

else can fall away, but Christ remains. As His “called out ones” we are constantly encouraged in Scripture to join together for worship and study. We are challenged to keep pressing on. We are admonished to not give up but to spur one another on.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Psalm 95:1-3

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! Psalm 150:1-2

So whether you join us in the service on campus, or watch online, make the effort, prepare your heart and mind, join with others in your household, or call a friend and remind them to watch as you watch. Pray for one another, sing along, respond in the readings, pray and expect the Holy Spirit to speak. For Christ and His Body gives us our moorings. All else fades away, but this is eternal. Do not neglect it, for in it you will find direction.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them.” Matthew 18:20

The Anchor of our Christ be yours,

Terry

Ministry & Worship Opportunities at Spring Hill

- **Sunday, August 2**
Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m., Dining Hall
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, August 5**
Prayer Service 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- **Thursday, August 6**
Serve at McKemie Place 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, August 10**
Upward Flag Football Season begins
- **Wednesday, August 19**
Drive-thru for Light of the Village 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, September 7**
LABOR DAY-Church Offices and Activities
Center closed



Please join us as we serve the women at McKemie Place on **Thursday, August 6**. 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!

SHBC ACTIVITIES CENTER MODIFIED HOURS

The Spring Hill Activities Center is reopening with modified hours:

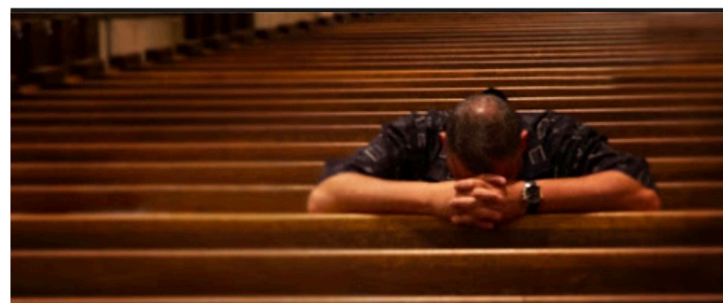
MONDAYS- 8a-8p
TUESDAYS- 6a-5p
WEDNESDAYS- 8a-5p
THURSDAYS- 6a-5p
FRIDAYS- 8a-12p
SATURDAYS- closed

- *All staff will wear masks
- *Social Distancing will be practiced at all times
- *Walking track will be open
- *Gym will not be open for basketball
- *Anyone entering will be required to wear masks
- *The Fitness Center will remain closed for now

Stepping Back into Sunday School Fall 2020

*What will Sunday School
look like moving forward?*

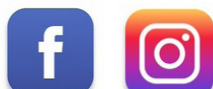
Plans are being made for
"Stepping Back into Sunday School."
Watch for details soon!



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

Follow us @SpringHillBaptist
Facebook & Instagram!





Fitness Classes Resume!

Morning classes: Boot Camp (Tues. & Thurs. at 6:00 a.m.) and Pilates (Tues. & Thurs. at 8:15 a.m.). Evening Boot Camp (5:30 p.m.). All Silver Sneakers classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Contact Colleen Smith, csmith@shbc.cc, for details, 342-5375 or www.shbc.cc/recreation

DRIVE-THRU DONATIONS FOR THE LIGHT OF THE VILLAGE

Wednesday, August 19 / 4:00-6:00 p.m.

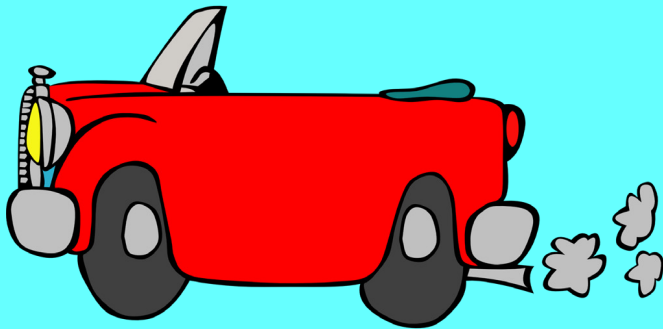
Help us fill the needs of our friends at the Light of the Village with the following items:

Food Items:

boxed mac-n-cheese, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, ramen noodles, rice, beans, cans of ravioli, corn, green beans, yams, collards, canned meat (ham, chicken, tuna), Vienna Sausages, canned pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal bars, crackers, loaf of bread, toilet paper, toothpaste, dish soap and bleach

School Items:

copy paper, construction paper, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, crayons, washable markers, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, index cards, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, calculators and highlighters



Giving Thanks

July 26, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$64,468.00
Received Sunday.....	\$12,810.10
Received to Date.....	\$1,410,574.18
Expenses to Date.....	\$1,393,314.17
Balance to Date.....	\$17,260.01

WAYS TO GIVE AT SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

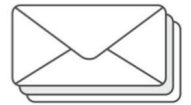
You may give online (shbc.cc), through our app (search Spring Hill Baptist Mobile AL in the app store) or mail a check. If you are mailing your gift our address is 2 South McGregor Avenue, 36608.



Online
<https://shbc.cc>



App Store:
Spring Hill Baptist Mobile AL



Envelope
cash + check

Welcome New Member!

*Briley Bethea
Profession of Faith*



Let Us Pray

A Call to Corporate Prayer
Wednesday, August 5, 2020
6:00 p.m.
The Sanctuary

Live Streamed for those at home



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
Erica Holloway.....Minister to Children & Families
Rev. Bill Taylor Asst. Minister of Music
Gretchen Crane Communications Director
Denise Marsh Financial 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**

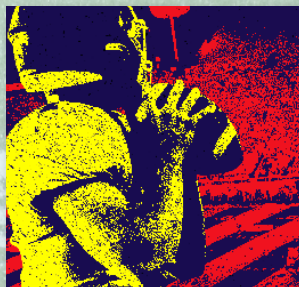
In case of emergency over the weekend,
you may reach the minister on call
at 342-5320.

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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**YOUTH SPORTS AT
SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**



Upward Flag Football registration is open for K5-6th Grade.

Evaluation Dates To Be Announced.

Season begins Monday, August 10, 2020.

Register Open Now @ www.shbc.cc/register

Questions?: Contact Ashley Johnson,
ajohnson@shbc.cc or 251-342-5375.



NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask by Angela Thomas-Pharr. Books will be available at the meeting. Mondays at 6:00 pm in the back room of the Activities Center. Wear your mask! Books are \$7.00

This Bible study for women looks at the heart of what women are thinking and feeling. Angela speaks to participants about deep feelings that all women have at one time or another. She looks boldly at some of the fears and struggles of being a woman, and she helps us see how we can be brave in the face of those challenges.