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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.

DRIVE-THRU DONATIONS FOR THE LIGHT OF THE VILLAGE

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

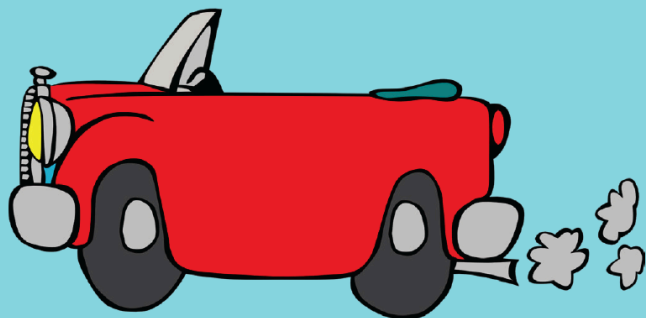
*Help us fill the needs of our friends at the
Light of the Village with the following items:*

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



DRUM CIRCLE

Join us as we

“Make a joyful noise”

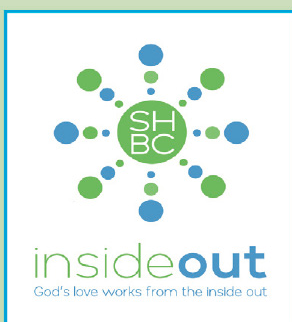
August 19, 6:00 p.m.

Family Percussion Night

on the South lawn

(south of the Moorer library)

Bring a blanket, or chair



Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be going to the Home of Grace on **August 18** to offer a good meal, a listening ear and a touch of friendship and fellowship. If you feel led to join us, please call Janice Butler at 634-1566 to get more information.

Ministry & Worship Opportunities

- **Sunday, August 9**
Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m., Dining Hall
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- **Monday, August 10**
Upward Flag Football Season begins
- **Sunday, August 16**
Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m., Dining Hall
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, August 19**
Drive-thru for Light of the Village 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 19**
Drum Circle on the South Lawn 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, August 23**
Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m., Dining Hall
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- **Monday, September 7**
LABOR DAY-Church Offices and Activities
Center closed



NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY

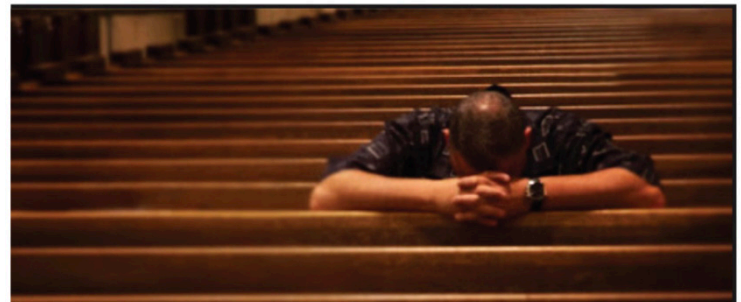
Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask by Angela Thomas-Pharr. Books will be available at the meeting. Mondays at 6:00 pm in the back room of the Activities Center. Wear your mask! Books are \$7.00

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.

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



Students (Grades 7 - 12)
Join us for the Workshop on
August 12 | from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
on the South Lawn

Social Distancing will be observed.
Please bring blankets or chairs.
Also, in case of rain bring a mask for the gym.

Spring Hill Baptist Church WMU & Women's Ministry
presents

2020 Comedy Central



"A Laugh-A-bration drive-through"

Your favorite comedians will greet you with
laughs, encouragement & treats!

Sunday, Sept. 20 • 5 - 6 p.m.

Spring Hill Baptist Activity Center Parking Lot

**Drive through and bring cleaning supplies or
women's toiletry items to support local ministries!**

"A merry heart does good like a medicine!"

Proverbs 17:22

Giving Thanks

August 2, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$52,625.60
Received Sunday.....	\$25,685.90
Received to Date.....	\$1,436,260.08
Expenses to Date.....	\$1,422,078.71
Balance to Date.....	\$14,181.37

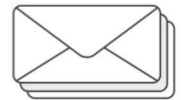
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TRUST

This past week, my husband and I got to experience what so many others have experienced during this pandemic – we dropped off our daughter at the door of the hospital in the wee hours of the morning and watched her walk in by herself. That 5 hours that we waited for her to be cleared from recovery were just about the longest 5 hours of our lives. She's okay, but it was so difficult to watch her go somewhere that we couldn't go – a place where she would be vulnerable and at the mercy of others. It was a whole new exercise in trust for us with many prayers being said while we sat in the hospital parking lot waiting.

In the next few weeks, many of you will be dropping your children off at school or college where the unknowns far outweigh the knowns. There will be so many variables outside of your control as parents, and that's a very unsettling feeling when it comes to our children. When it comes to our children, we are helicopters, snow plows and mama & papa bears. We aren't comfortable – at all- having so many question marks in the lives of our children.

So what do we do as we drop our children off at school and drive away with a million questions and concerns running through our heads and that uneasy feeling in our stomachs?

We pray, pray and pray some more, and we trust in all that we know to be true about our God. We know that our children are first and foremost HIS children. We know that He loves them with a love that is wider, longer, higher and deeper than we can imagine. We know that He has promised to hem them in with His presence going before them, standing behind them and holding them by the hand. He invites us as parents to cast all of our anxieties on Him trusting in the Author of their todays and tomorrows – the Author who promises to bring all things to good. Yes, there are a lot of unknowns as our children head back to school, but not one detail of this pandemic has caught our omniscient God by surprise.

Now, more than ever, we place our children in the hands of their Heavenly Father, and we let them rest there. We entrust our children to the One who created them and is daily molding them into the masterpiece He created them to be. We trust in the Prince of Peace and ask Him to fill us with the peace that surpasses all understanding. We pry our fingers off of our flimsy illusions of control, and trust in the sovereignty of our God who is completely good, loving, and faithful to keep His promises. We drop them off at school knowing God is holding them by the hand as they enter the building, and that He will never let go of that sweet hand.

Erica

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
Gretchen Crane..... Communications Director
Denise Marsh.....Financial Manager
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Missy Powell..... Pianist

Activities Center 342-5375

Colleen Smith ... Recreation/Activities Coordinator
Enrique Castillo Recreation Ministry Assistant
Ashley Johnson Upward Sports Director

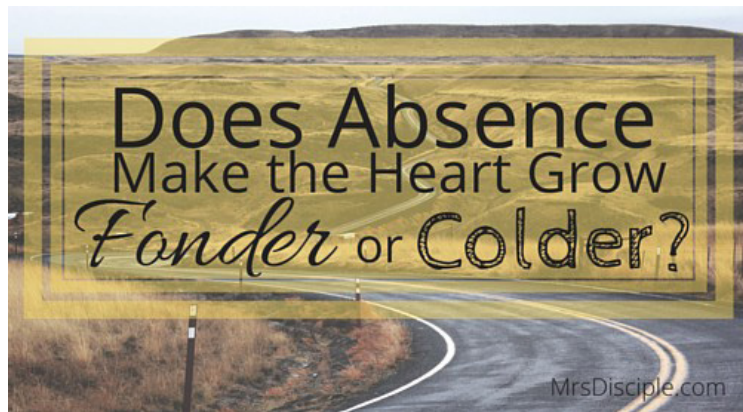
**Weekday Preschool Education Office
342-6044**

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

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

THE MESSENGER, (UPS 512-220), IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARDI GRAS, JULY 4, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS).
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Does absence really make the heart grow fonder? Over the short term, maybe. However, with longer absences the fondness fades. Why?

Relationships are built on memories. Mutual experiences that can be talked about with sentiment. Relationships are built on touch. Encounters with one another whether in person, over the phone, through emails, texts or letters. Connections remain and your brains sync through those interactions. Relationships are built on time. Time together again causes us to have mutual experiences, share feelings, become more trusting and form bonds. Usually the more time we spend together, the more time we want to spend together.

I have noticed something that has happened in our culture since the beginning of the COVID shutdown. When we first were on lockdown and could not attend church, we longed for ways to connect. Enter Zoom, recorded services, and outdoor small group meetings. We

longed to be back at Easter. We had drive-through events and missions, chalkabratons, bike nights. Weeks turned into months and although we began to slowly open and social distance, we still remained uncomfortable with being in church. We ventured out to the grocery, to home stores, to close friends' homes and maybe vacations. Yet, the online church seemed to hold less and less of an appeal. Watching services at 8:30 or 11:00 turned into "we'll do that later" then "oh well, we missed it today". Sunday became to us what it is to the unchurched - a family day, a recreation day, a catchup day. And the Wednesday night devotions: "Are they still having those? Hmm." Yes, we are recording them ahead of time.

Oh, I get it. It has even happened to me! But I am saddened by it. As I was preparing the candles for service this Sunday, I was alone in the Sanctuary. There was no hustle and bustle through the sanctuary with people going from one place to another. It was empty and still. I miss the engaging with others. I miss the joking, the sharing, the laughter, the catching up. The question came to my mind: "Is this what happened to the magnificent cathedrals?" People just faded away and the less important replaced the rhythm of worship, entertainment and activity replaced relationships, and apathy replaced a hunger for God and His people.

Dear family, do not let this happen to us. Let us stay connected. Hold fast to Christ, hold on to one another, stay engaged and do not separate from the body of Christ. We were made for one another. We need each other. I need it, and you do as well.

Please, stay in touch.
Terry