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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.

CELEBRATE THE TEMPORARY

Where are you right now as you read this?
Read and follow the instructions:

Take your time.
Stop, close your eyes and keep them closed.
Breathe deeply, and slowly exhale.
What are the fragrances you notice?
Listen.
What do you hear?
Open your eyes.
What do you see around you?

You may be in very familiar surroundings, but when was the last time you really stopped and looked around? In the above exercise, did you see something that had barely become noticeable? Were there sounds that you had previously ignored? What are you feeling now?

This is more than an exercise in sensory awareness. It is a reminder of how often we rush through life, moving on to the next thing so we can even do the next thing. We fail to fully experience the present. This “hurry up and get it done” philosophy is a habit which keeps us from experiencing the present.

In his book from the seventies, *Celebrate the Temporary*, Clyde Reid reminds us that when we either long for the good ole days, or can't wait until things are better, we often miss what God has put right in front of us to experience now. Even in the midst of difficulties and pain we can experience our humanness and celebrate the God who is with us.

Think about it. In our current challenging days, many of us have renewed relationships with those around us. We have

experienced isolation which has made us appreciate time with loved ones as even more precious. We have discovered new ways of worshipping. Children have begun to enjoy being children, playing outside, riding bikes again and letting go of the tethers which hold us to screens. Walks, projects, conversations and backyard parties have reconnected family and friends. We have discovered that some of the things we deemed indispensable are actually just empty time fillers and fluff.



Hopefully, we have experienced to a greater extent our need to be connected to Christ and His Body, the church. Some are returning slowly and with caution. Others are remaining at home but connecting as best they can. Still we have the opportunity to know that God is ever present. Our circumstances are temporary, but God is always with us. We can recognize and celebrate His even seemingly small blessings in the midst of our current situation.

May you and I take the time to listen, look, breathe in and receive God's daily presence and blessings and share those as encouragement to others.

Let your living be without greed, and be content with what you have already. For He has truly said: I will not fail you nor forsake you. Therefore we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man does to me.
Hebrews 13:5-6

Celebrate!
Terry



Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be sharing a meal and encouragement with the ladies on **August 18**. We will not be staying there due to Covid but will need you to drop food by the office prior to our 9:30 a.m. departure. Please call Janice Butler at 634-1566 to get more information.

Ministry & Worship Opportunities

- **Sunday, August 16**
Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m., Dining Hall
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
- **Tuesday, August 18**
Home of Grace for Women
- **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
- **Sunday, August 30**
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



FITNESS CLASSES!

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

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Romans 8:28

A CHOICE TO BE MADE...

I was 17. My parents had followed me down to college to help me move in, which took all of 10 minutes. My mom, seemingly holding back tears, wanted a picture with her eldest son who was starting out on his own. My dad walked up to me, put his hands on my shoulders, and said, "I have answered for you all of your life. I've answered to both man and to God for your actions. From this day forward, you answer for yourself. I love you." Minutes later I watched them drive away and wondered what life was going to be like. Of course, I still had some turning 18 to do, so I would have to fax my school paperwork home until that point, but I realized that I was now responsible for, well, everything. I wasn't too worried about eating. I grew up helping to cook (and sneaking bites), and I had been doing my own laundry since the 8th grade. It was everything else that seemed overwhelming.

I had accepted Christ just weeks prior to my move to campus. Having grown up in a family who never missed church, this may seem to be an odd fact, but I had relied so much on two things prior to accepting Christ: my parents' reputation in the church and my own ability to be a good kid. I had credit stored up in the community. Now, venturing into a world where I did not know a soul, things would be different. Where would I go? What would I do? Who would I befriend? The options and opportunities were endless. I was staring at the same choices and decisions that many college freshmen are faced with: where should I begin?

One passage in scripture that I like to study with the students comes from Daniel chapter 1. God allowed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to overtake Jerusalem and with it, many of the people were taken into captivity. The king tasked his chief of officials to take some of the sons of Israel and bring them into his service. These young men were given new names, would be taught a new language, and for all intents and purposes would be assimilated into the culture of the new world. Verse 8 in chapter one starts with this phrase: "But Daniel made up his mind". Now, if one were to keep reading, you would understand that Daniel resolved not to eat the king's food and drink the king's drink, but the emphasis here is on the resolve, the courage, and the decision making in the face of something new. This young man set it in his heart that he would continue to follow the Lord in the midst of uncertainty. He would strive to do what he knew was right, and he would hold true to his beliefs in an ever-changing and potentially stressful situation.

This lesson is one we all can take heart and be encouraged from Daniel's example. Every day seems to bring something new. We even joke about what terrible thing may happen next in this crazy year of 2020 (remember those murder hornets?). What we see in Daniel is that nations can rise and fall, seasons will come and go, disasters may strike, but we as believers have an incredible opportunity to serve and follow the most high God whose reign lasts forever. His love is everlasting, and that is something that we can hold onto, whether we are a senior adult, a parent, or a college student staring at the taillights of the family car as it drives away...wondering what they should do next.

-Josh

Giving Thanks

August 9, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$52,625.60
Received Sunday.....	\$65,018.35
Received to Date.....	\$1,501,278.43
Expenses to Date.....	\$1,493,295.51
Balance to Date.....	\$ 7,982.92

WAYS TO GIVE AT SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH



Online
<https://shbc.cc>



App Store:
Spring Hill Baptist Mobile AL



Envelope
cash + check

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.

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

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.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 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

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**DRIVE-THRU DONATIONS FOR
THE LIGHT OF THE VILLAGE**

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

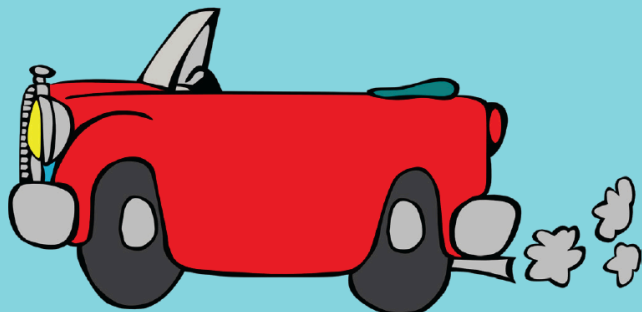
*Help us fill the needs of our friends at the
Light of the Village with the following items:*

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



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