

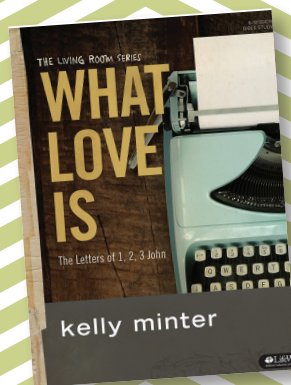
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Mobile, Alabama

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

FALL BIBLE STUDIES



THURSDAYS, beginning SEPT. 10 at 9:15 a.m. in the back room of the SHAC. *Contact Carol Williams at 604-4082 with questions.*

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MONDAYS, beginning SEPT. 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the back room of the SHAC. Join us for *"What Love Is"* by Kelly Minter. *Contact Judy Wesson at 423-5402 if you need a book. Books will also be available at the first meeting. No childcare at this time.*

NOTE: Social distancing will be observed and masks are required. Temperatures will be checked by staff at the front entrance.



TWO NEW SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Limited Enrollment – Social Distancing – Four Week

Beginning September 9, 2020 – 6:00 p.m



BECOMING A DISCIPLE MAKER

Led by - Dr. Rob Jackson

Limited to 25 – reservation required

Dining Hall

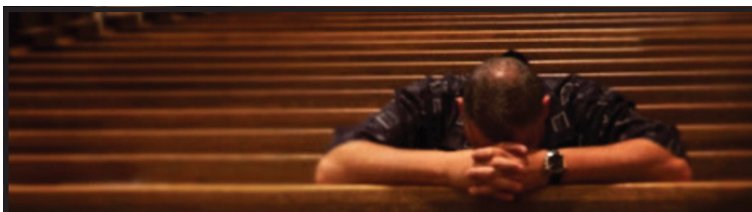


THE CHOSEN

a Series by Dallas Jenkins Led by – Rev. Terry Richey
Limited to 20 – reservation required Activities Center
Back Room

Ministry & Worship Opportunities

- **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
- **Thursday, September 3**
McKemie Place 5:30 p.m. food drop off
- **Monday, September 7**
LABOR DAY-Church Offices and Activities
Center closed
- **Wednesday, September 9**
Small Group Study "Becoming a Disciple Maker"
6:00 p.m., Dining Hall
- **Wednesday, September 9**
Small Group Study "The Chosen" 6:00 p.m., Back
Room of the SHAC
- **Thursday, September 10**
Ladies' Fall Bible Study "What Love Is" 9:15 a.m.,
Back Room of the SHAC
- **Monday, September 14**
Ladies' Fall Bible Study "What Love Is" 6:00 p.m.,
Back Room of the SHAC




SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER

Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Prayer guides provided in pew rack.



Myers-Mallory
State Missions Offering

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This offering supports:
Alabama WMU
Disaster Relief
Church Planting
Partnership Missions
Church Revitalization

SHBC Goal: \$1,200



**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!

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

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 16, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$52,625.60
Received Sunday.....	\$47,020.10
Received to Date.....	\$1,548,298.53
Expenses to Date.....	\$1,502,865.86
Balance to Date.....	\$45,432.67

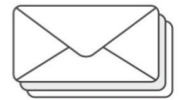
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FAITHFULNESS

A number of years ago, we were on a trip with Jr. High Singers and one of our concerts was at an assisted living facility in Birmingham. After we sang for the residents, we invited them to join us in a hymn-sing. We sang a number of familiar hymns and one resident in the back of the room began to sing in a strong voice. She knew every word and she participated fully. While I was thankful for her participation, I was confused by the caregiver who stood next to her with tears streaming down her cheeks. After we finished singing, the caregiver came and explained that her tears were tears of amazement and joy. The resident who sang so confidently suffered from advanced alzheimer's and had not spoken a word to anyone in months – yet she was able to sing every verse of "Amazing Grace." And it really was truly amazing. Even in her condition, it was evident to everyone there that God was still with her every step of the way.

Fast forward to last weekend when I had the opportunity to visit with my father-in-law in Georgia who has recently moved into a memory care unit. For many years, he served as a minister of music and always sang with the grandkids, so we took an old Broadman hymnal and outside in the Georgia heat with our masks on, we watched as he opened that hymnal and sang. We joined him as he sometimes sang the melody and sometimes sang the tenor line as skillfully as ever – both on

hymns he knew and even those he chose to sightread!

Both of these encounters remind me of how incredibly faithful God is! Even in our most difficult situations, He will never leave us nor forsake us and His faithfulness is unending. For months now, the covid crisis has affected us in ways we could never have imagined, changing and disrupting our daily routines and schedules. But God's faithfulness remains constant!

Consider the words of Thomas Chisholm:

Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy Faithfulness! Great is Thy Faithfulness! Morning by Morning new mercies I see; All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Bill

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.

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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THE WAY OF LOVE



“To be chosen as the Beloved of God is something radically different. Instead of excluding others, it includes others. Instead of rejecting others as less valuable, it accepts others in their own uniqueness. It is not a competitive, but a compassionate choice. Our minds have great difficulty in coming to grips with such a reality. Maybe our minds will never understand it. Perhaps it is only our hearts that can accomplish this.” Henri Nouwen

It is the fallen human nature of selfishness that causes us to immediately make judgments about people. We do it subconsciously. What we are really doing is evaluating where we are on the scale, always wanting to think of ourselves above the lowly and with the elite. We judge others by their accent, their vehicle, their clothing. We judge them by their religious affiliation and denomination. We evaluate based on education, vocation, intellect or political stance or hundreds more superficial criteria. Ultimately, we choose whether they are inside or outside our circle of worthiness.

This is the way of the world, and certainly that sinister selfishness is becoming even more insidious in our world. Scripture repeatedly instructs us to change our mind and heart regarding this practice. It is only done as we begin

to allow Christ to transform us. As Christ-ones, we are told to turn from our religious laws and be converted from the inside. It takes discipline (training), conversations with Christ (prayer), and trust (following our Master).

For the whole world-system, based as it is on men's primitive desires, their greedy ambitions and the glamour of all that they think splendid, is not derived from the Father at all, but from the world itself. The world and all its passionate desires will one day disappear. But the man who is following God's will is part of the permanent and cannot die.

1 John 2:16. (Phillips)

It is possible for us to work on this together and be true Christ-followers.

Now I am giving you a new command—love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you must love one another. This is how all men will know that you are my disciples, because you have such love for one another.”

John 13:35 (Phillips)

Together in the journey,

Terry