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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.

TWO NEW SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Limited Enrollment – Social Distancing – Four Weeks Beginning
September 9, 2020 – 6:00 p.m

Social distancing observed. Call Church Office for reservations



BECOMING A DISCIPLE MAKER

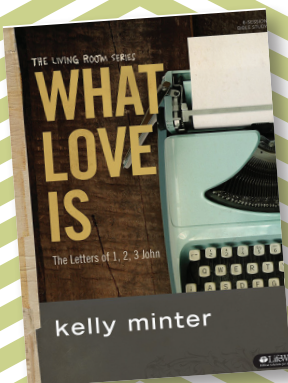
Led by - Dr. Rob Jackson
Limited to 25 – reservation required
Dining Hall



THE CHOSEN

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

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.



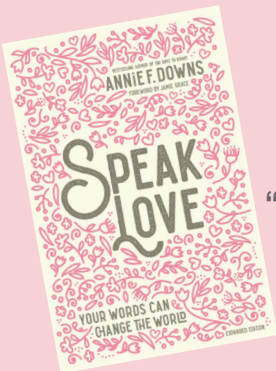
Ministry & Worship Opportunities

- **Sunday, September 6**
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
- **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
- **Sunday, September 13**
Call to Prayer, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- **Monday, September 14**
Ladies' Fall Bible Study "What Love Is" 6:00 p.m.,
Back Room of the SHAC
- **Tuesday, September 15**
Home of Grace, 9:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, September 20**
2020 Comedy Central 5:00-6:00 p.m.,
Activities Center Parking Lot

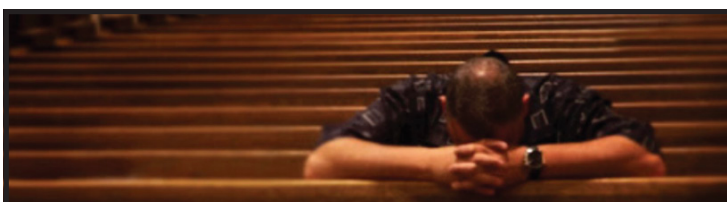


Junior High Girls' Bible Study

Sunday nights in September from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
at Leslie Johnson's house
3245 Stein St., Mobile, AL 36608
Led by Sarah Karl



"Speak Love" by Annie F. Downs
Books available online
through Amazon or Lifeway.



SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER

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



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

September 13-20
SHBC Goal: \$1,200

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, paper products
or women's toiletry items to support local ministries!**

"A merry heart does good like a medicine!"

Proverbs 17:22

Giving Thanks

August 30, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$52,625.60
Received Sunday.....	\$21,242.65
Received to Date.....	\$1,613,009.74
Expenses to Date.....	\$1,596,464.51
Balance to Date.....	\$16,545.23

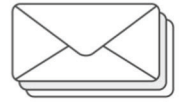
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<https://shbc.cc>



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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 day school

I have now been the Director of the Day School for a year. Last year was filled with so many learning and growing opportunities for me after retiring from Mobile County Public Schools to become the Director. All was good until suddenly this little thing called a pandemic popped up. The last 5 ½ months have been very busy for us. Just like every other school, business, and church this was uncharted waters. The Day School closed on March 17. As we walked out the door that afternoon, we expected to return in 2-3 weeks. As you know, that was not to be the case.

After many calls to the Health Department, hours of long work, multiple safety plans written, and many hours of prayers, we decided to reopen on May 26. We have joked that I was going to start a blog called COVID with Carole, because I have learned so much about COVID-19 in order for us to make the best decisions for our school. Our teachers had now become essential workers. Parents were counting on us to be there for the children, so they could return to work. Almost everything we typically had done had to change. Parents are no longer allowed in the building, special classes had to be cancelled, and schedules and procedures had to be adjusted. We now check staff and children's temperatures before they enter the building.

Our staff wears masks all day as they interact, teach, and play with our children. Both our teachers and parents have been amazingly supportive, and everyone is doing their part to make a difficult situation the best it can be. Our sweet children have adjusted quickly to our new normal. Since they cannot wear masks, we still get to see their smiling faces each day.

We do ask for the church's prayers as we move forward during this time. There is no way you can have children between the ages of 2 months and 4 years social distance. We have many staff members who are in the high-risk category, but they show up everyday ready to receive their children with love. Our enrollment dropped by 31 students in a matter of weeks, so adjustments had to be made as we started our new school year. We have received donations from families and church members during this time that has helped us as we work to move forward. God has blessed us, and we continue to see Him at work. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Carole Hegwood
Director

Church Office 342-5320

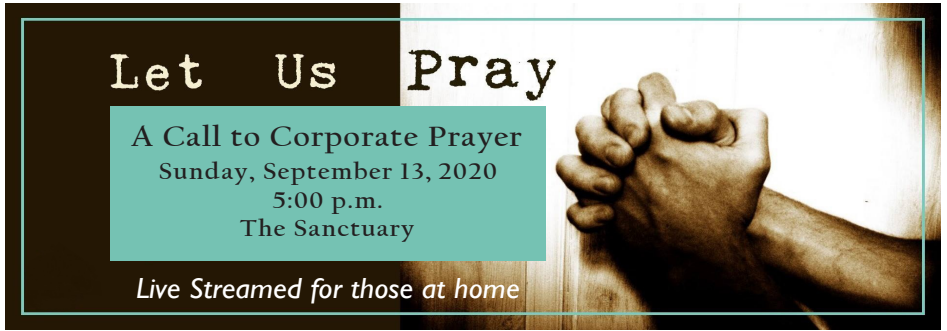
Dr. Rob Jackson Interim Pastor
Rev. Terry Richey Associate Pastor
Rev. Randy Grim Minister of Music
Rev. Josh Karl Student & College Pastor
Erica Holloway Minister to Children & Families
Rev. Bill Taylor Asst. Minister of Music
Gretchen Crane Communications Director
Denise Marsh Financial Manager
Debbie 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.



THE MESSENGER, (UPS 512-220), IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARDI GRAS, JULY 4, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS).
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WITHOUT THIS CHURCH

“Where would we have been without this Church? Who would have handed down to us, across twenty centuries, the teaching of our dear Lord Jesus? Who would have encouraged us in the truth, reassured us in the path we had undertaken?”

The church already was founded before we appeared on the scene and, had we not come on the scene, would have gone on being saints and sinners, capable of high ideals and base enormities, the dwelling place of peace and a jungle of violence.

But one thing is sure: if we should fail, overwhelmed by our sins and our faithlessness, the Church will not have failed. The ‘Little Remnant’ will have arrived none the less. God Himself is the guarantor.”

Carlo Carretto, I, Francis

This passage by Carretto in his work portraying the life and teachings of St. Francis of Assisi reminded me of the importance of God’s hand on His Church throughout the centuries. If we look, we can see that none of the churches nor denominations were perfect. The Church is made up of men and women redeemed, but works in progress continue to have the mark of selfishness in them. Never-

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
John 8:12

theless, GOD, in His infinite wisdom, infinite power and unending mercy, continues to use His people to be His representatives in the world.

The Church, God’s Church, will not fail. We who are called His people have a choice. We can withdraw from the Church. Thus, we are left to our own struggles, cold-heartedness and cynicism, drawing further away from the warmth of fellowship and the power of Christ in His people. We can become pew warmers and spectators, always critiquing the goings on, piously placing blessings and curses on processes, people and theological differences. Or we can become a true part of the Church, the body of Christ, drawing from being connected, striving to follow the direction of Christ our head, working to keep the body healthy, and therefore enhancing the thread of redemption that has run through The Church from the beginning.

We who are called Christ-ones are challenged to remain and engage in the call to be the Church. Join with The Body to be the Body.

Together in the Body,
Terry