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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.



The return to Sunday school was a huge success. We had approximately 340 involved in Sunday morning Bible study, and it was exciting. Everyone seemed to follow the appropriate COVID protocols, and this is a great beginning for our fall season. Know that we are so grateful for all who worked so diligently to make this happen, from our housekeeping to office staff who set up social distancing arrangements in the classrooms, prepared materials for classes and the Sunday school leadership who were willing to prepare for a great day.

Let's continue this trend!



**Sunday, October 18
in the 11:00 a.m. Service**



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK-OFF
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

It's time to start praying about our participation. Shoeboxes will be available in the Dining Hall Foyer, the Welcome Center, the Education Office and the Main Office.

*Observance of
The Lord's Supper*

Join us

Sunday, October 11, 2020

as we observe The Lord's Supper in both services.

8:30 a.m. | Contemporary Service in the Dining Hall

11:00 a.m. | Traditional Service in the Sanctuary



**JOIN US FOR OUR 20TH SEASON
OF UPWARD BASKETBALL!**

There will be NO Evaluations. We will be limiting the number of participants due to COVID 19.

- 1st - 2nd Boys: 60 players Max
- 1st - 2nd Girls: 40 Players Max
- 3rd - 4th Boys: 40 Players Max
- 3rd - 4th Girls: 40 Players Max

There is no K5 this season. There is not a 5th and 6th-grade league this season.

Program Schedule:

- Registration ends Oct. 9.
- Practice starts Nov. 2.
- Games begin Dec. 5.
- Season ends Jan. 30.

Register at www.shbc.cc/register. Questions? Contact Ashley Johnson, 342-5375 or email ajohnson@shbc.cc

Spring Hill Baptist Activities Center

PUMPKIN PARTY

October 26, 2020 | 5:00 PM

SHAC Parking Lot

SHOW OFF YOUR CARVES!

BYOP (Bring your own pumpkin!)

Kids: Bring smaller pumpkins to decorate

Adults: Bring larger pumpkins to carve

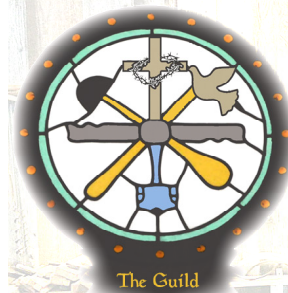
(We will provide necessary tools and you bring the decorations)

Prizes for most creative will be awarded!

Chick-fil-a Dinner (\$6)

Register and pay online @ www.shbc.cc/register

Questions? Contact Colleen, csmith@shbc.cc or 342-5375



THE STUDENT MINISTRY DISCIPLESHIP GROUP The Guild

Begins October 19 | 5:30 p.m.
Activities Center

Sign up online @
www.shbc.cc/register

Questions? Contact Josh Karl,
342-5375 or jkarl@shbc.cc



"Mixin' It Up"
for 6 weeks on
Wednesday Nights
October 14-November 18
from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Children 4K - 6th grade
in the Dining Hall

Register online at
www.shbc.cc/register
by October 1

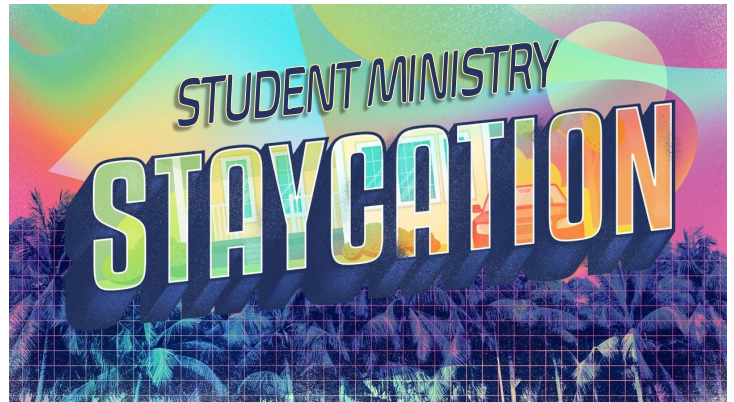
Questions? Call 342-5320 or
email eholloway@shbc.cc

NEW DATE • NOVEMBER 1
NEW TIME • 4 - 5 P.M.

The New
2020
Face of...



A fun event
our ladies will
not want to
miss!



November 6-8, 2020
7th-12th grade students
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 8:11

Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be sharing a meal and encouragement with the ladies on **October 20**. 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.





CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We had a great first Sunday back in Children's Sunday School. It was so good to see so many smiling faces back on campus. We can't wait to see how God will work through Sunday School this year. Just a few reminders as we kick off a new year in the midst of COVID:

- Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., but teachers will be prepared to start taking in children and we will begin checking temperatures at 9:30 a.m. There may be a slight gap between the close of the Contemporary Service and the temp check. Thank you for your understanding as Sunday School teachers prepare to start the day.
- Children in 4K – 1st grades have a temp check station in the Welcome Center. Children in 2nd-6th Grades have a temp check station upstairs near the balcony entrance.
- Dismissal policies for children are as follows:
 - 4K and 5K should be picked up by their parents or grandparents.
 - 1st-4th grades can be picked up by parents, grandparents, or a sibling who is in 5th grade or higher.
 - 5th & 6th grades are dismissed from Sunday School on their own. Please discuss with your Preteen where you would like them to meet you on Sunday mornings.

Ministry & Worship Opportunities

- **Sunday, October 11**
Contemporary Worship - *Observance of the Lord's Supper* 8:30 a.m., Dining Hall
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship - *Observance of the Lord's Supper* 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Operation Christmas Child
- **Monday, October 12**
Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 p.m., SHAC Back Room
- **Wednesday, October 14**
The Workshop for Students, 5:00 p.m., SHAC
Six - Mix for Children, 6:00 p.m., Dining Hall
Small Group Study - "The Chosen" 6:00 p.m., SHAC Back Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- **Thursday, October 15**
Ladies' Fall Bible Study "What Love Is" 9:15 a.m., SHAC Back Room
- **Sunday, October 18**
Contemporary Service will begin at 8:45 a.m.
First Grade Bible Presentation, during Traditional Service
- **Monday, October 19**
The Guild - Student Ministry Discipleship Class, 5:30 p.m., Activities Center

FAMILY NIGHT

SEWARD FARMS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
4:15-7:30 P.M.

Cost is \$15 per adult/\$5 per child
Admission includes: corn maze, unlimited activities, hot dog supper, marshmallow toasting and lots of fun!

Bring a camp chair or blanket to picnic, and a skewer to toast marshmallows and fellowship!

Sign up online beginning September 23 through October 21 at www.shbc.cc/register or in the Education Office.

Giving Thanks

October 4, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....	\$60,757.50
Received Sunday.....	\$73,449.42
Received to Date.....	\$1,829,040.24
Expenses to Date.....	\$1,737,017.28
Balance to Date.....	\$92,022.96

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.



GUESS WHAT?!
Zumba is starting back on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Activities Center starting NOW!

Questions? Contact Colleen Smith, 342-5375 or csmith@shbc.cc

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.

*27 Cause me to understand the way of your precepts, that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.
28 My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. 29 Keep me from deceitful
ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.*
Psalm 119:27-29

THE MESSENGER, (UPS 512-220), IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARDI GRAS, JULY 4, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS).
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**ON BEING A
DISCIPLE AND A
PILGRIM**

In his book, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, Eugene Peterson postulates that today's popular approach to

Christianity is as one of a tourist's mindset. Everyone is in a hurry with a passion for the immediate looking for a new experience, a new personality or a new approach to expand their otherwise humdrum lives. This has led to wholesale anemic faith, particularly in the Western church. Friedrich Nietzsche observed this and wrote: "The essential thing 'in heaven and earth' is. . . that there should be long obedience in the same direction; there thereby results, and has always resulted in the long run, something which has made life worth living." Yet our world at its instant gratification pace does not adhere to this well.

How then do we as Christ followers redirect our spiritual journeys toward a deeper faith? Again, Peterson points us in the direction of Scripture. Two biblical designations are disciple and pilgrim. A disciple is a learner along the lines of an

apprentice. The apprentice learns by watching and practicing what the mentor has perfected and, through the long following, learns the trade.

A pilgrim is one who spends life going someplace. As pilgrims we Christ followers are on the path to God and the place He has prepared for His people.

Jesus has told us He is the way, the truth and the life. It is by Him that we get to the Father. It is a journey that has a beginning; that is when we turn towards Him and begin to follow. And it is a long journey following Him until we reach our home.

Both Nietzsche and Peterson were on to something. We are to be on a long journey of obedience in the same direction if we are to make this life worth living, reaching our destination more fully developed as children of God.

Let us encourage one another as we journey together toward home.

Terry

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