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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 AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU**

**PACKING, COLLECTING, & SHIPPING**  
 People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.

**INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION**  
 Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who are eager to share the Gospel and bless children.

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH EVENTS**  
 Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.

**INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION**  
 After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

**Samaritan's Purse**  
 INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

**FAMILY NIGHT**

# SEWARD FARMS

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

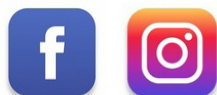
Cost is \$15 per adult/\$5 per child  
 Admission includes: corn maze, unlimited activities, hot dog supper, marshmallow toasting and lots of fun!

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](http://www.shbc.cc/register) or in the Education Office.

Shoeboxes are available in the Dining Hall Foyer, the Welcome Center, the Education Office and the Main Office.  
**Deadline to Turn In Boxes: November 14**

Follow us @SpringHillBaptist  
 Facebook & Instagram!



1st grade  
**BIBLE**  
 presentation

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

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](http://www.shbc.cc/register)

Questions? Contact Colleen, [csmitheshbc.cc](mailto:csmitheshbc.cc) or 342-5375



## HELP FOR HURRICANE DELTA VICTIMS PACK THE CAN

Hurricane victims in rural South Louisiana are in desperate need of cleaning supplies and toilet paper as well as rolling garbage cans. SHBC will be purchasing ten 32 gallon trash cans and asking our members to fill them with cleaning supplies, brooms, rakes and toilet paper. Dr. Jackson will be taking them to Louisiana Monday, October 19th, so bring your supplies by the office or Activities Center, or bring them with you on Wednesday and Sunday.



**Let's help our friends to the West!**



### THE STUDENT MINISTRY DISCIPLESHIP GROUP The Guild

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

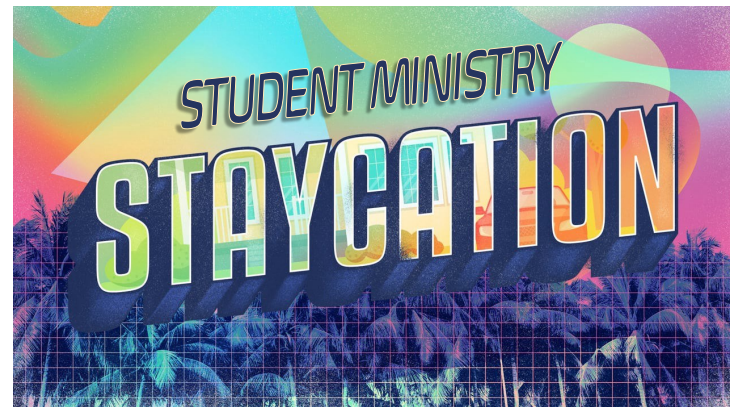
Sign up online @  
[www.shbc.cc/register](http://www.shbc.cc/register)

Questions? Contact Josh Karl,  
342-5375 or [jkarl@shbc.cc](mailto:jkarl@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

Just a few reminders for Sunday School in the midst of COVID:

- Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., but teachers will be prepared to start taking in children and 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 18**  
**NEW TIME! Contemporary Worship** - 8:45 a.m., Dining Hall  
**Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.  
**Traditional Worship** - 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
**First Grade Bible Presentation**
- **Monday, October 19**  
**The Guild** - Student Ministry Discipleship Class, 5:30 p.m., Activities Center  
**Ladies' Bible Study** 6:00 p.m., SHAC Back Room
- **Tuesday, October 20**  
**Home of Grace**, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Parking Lot
- **Wednesday, October 21**  
**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 22**  
**Ladies' Fall Bible Study** "What Love Is" 9:15 a.m., SHAC Back Room
- **Saturday, October 24**  
**Family Night at Seward Farms**, 4:15 p.m.
- **Monday, October 26**  
**SHAC Pumpkin Party**, 5:00 p.m., SHAC Parking Lot

*This Is Christmas*  
REIMAGINED 2020

This Is Christmas will be observed each Sunday of Advent in the 11:00 am Worship Service and for the Christmas Eve Services. The celebration will include anthems sung by the Sanctuary Choir, Living Masterpieces, Carols, the Advent Message and also includes a smaller orchestra in each service.

November 29  
*This Is Christmas*  
A Celebration of Hope  
11:00 a.m.

December 6  
*This Is Christmas*  
A Celebration of Peace  
11:00 a.m.

December 13  
*This Is Christmas*  
A Celebration of Love  
11:00 a.m.

December 20  
*This Is Christmas*  
A Celebration of Joy  
11:00 a.m.

December 24 – Carols and Candlelight  
*This Is Christmas*  
A Celebration of the Christ Child  
3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.-RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

## Giving Thanks

October 11, 2020

### STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$60,757.50  
 Received Sunday.....\$22,677.26  
 Received to Date.....\$1,851,717.50  
 Expenses to Date.....\$1,662,252.95

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 NOW on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Activities Center!

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.

<sup>27</sup> Cause me to understand the way of your precepts, that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.  
<sup>28</sup> My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. <sup>29</sup> 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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**WELCOME TO CHURCH**

As I have watched the series The Chosen, I have become more aware of our Christ's interactions with individuals. Jesus embraced people. Whether rich or poor, fisherman or

stonemason, thief or prostitute such as Mary of Magdala, of high estate or a traitor like Matthew, the Messiah looked past the external into the deepest need of the person. It is difficult for us to do that. In fact, when left to our own devices, we categorize everyone. People are classified by outward appearance (clothing, tattoos, vehicles, address), judged by speech (rural or cultured accents, crude language or highly educated, English or *name a language*), job position, denomination or political affiliation.

Thirteen times in the New Testament we are instructed to love one another. The greatest commandment given by Christ Himself was "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

This is so hard to do, yet we are told that we as Christ-followers will be known by the way we love one another. So how do we love this way? By following Christ. By seeking His way. By asking Him to continually give us a new heart. When we think

of the twelve disciples, there were Peter and Andrew the fishermen; James and John the "sons of thunder;" Matthew traitor to Rome in the eyes of the Jews; Thomas, the consummate naysayer, and we also know there were many others including Mary Magdalene, Mary and Martha, James the small - all with different backgrounds, different persuasions and certainly different goals for the future, yet Christ used them to begin His Kingdom on earth.

If we are to be Christ-followers then we must strive to be like Him in the way we love, not only those who are a part of this family of Spring Hill but those who need a family like Spring Hill, a little part of the Kingdom of God.

Let the following be our invitation:

- Welcome to Church.
- This is a place of love and hope and safety and forgiveness.
- We will be food for the hungry,
- Living water for the thirsty.
- We are so glad you are here.
- You are invited.
- You are loved.
- Come on in – we've been waiting for you.
- Welcome here.
- Welcome to Christ.
- Welcome to His church.

I'll see you Sunday!  
Terry