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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.

**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 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.

**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.

**Samaritan's Purse**  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

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**

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, November 1 • 4 - 5 p.m.**

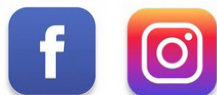
**Spring Hill Baptist Activity Center Parking Lot**

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

Follow us @SpringHillBaptist  
Facebook & Instagram!



*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.

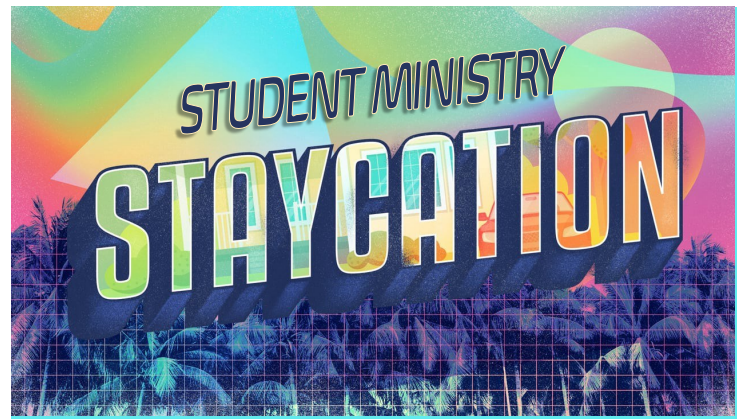
November 29  
*This Is Christmas*  
A Celebration of Hope  
11:00 a.m.

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



**November 6-8, 2020**

**7th-12th grade students**

**Speaker: Matt Weaver**

**Band: Exit 13**

**Join us for a weekend full of  
Messy Games, Worship, Mob Sno,  
and Chick-fil-A!**

**Cost is \$50 per student**

**Sign up online at [www.shbc.cc/register](http://www.shbc.cc/register)  
Questions? Contact Josh Karl at  
[www.shbc.cc](http://www.shbc.cc) or call 342-5375**

*Note: Students will go home each evening  
and Covid protocols will be followed.*



**THE STUDENT MINISTRY  
DISCIPLESHIP GROUP  
The Guild**

Mondays | 5:30 p.m.  
Activities Center

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



**Students (Grades 7 - 12)  
Join us for the Workshop on  
Wednesday Nights  
from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
in the Gym**

Social Distancing will be observed.



Please join us as we serve the women at McKemie Place on **Thursday, November 5**. Bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert to add to our fried chicken dinner to the Activities Center parking lot by 5:30 p.m. Your good food, your prayers and other expressions of God's grace mean so much!



# Afternoon at the Stable

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS EVENT

LET US CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS!  
JOIN US FOR THE LIVING NATIVITY, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS,  
REFRESHMENTS & MORE.

DECEMBER 13, 2020 | 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.



We have volunteers who keep in touch with and, when possible, visit our homebound. If you know someone who could benefit from this ministry, please call the church office at 342-5320.

### SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Evelyn Manasco in her death on October 16.  
To the family of Grady Bryant in his death on October 21.

## Ministry & Worship Opportunities

- **Sunday, November 1**  
Contemporary Worship - 8:45 a.m., Dining Hall  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship - 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Jr. High Singers Rehearsal - 4:00 p.m.  
Spring Hill Singers Rehearsal - 4:00 p.m.  
Comedy Central - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- **Monday, November 2**  
Student Ministry: The Guild - 5:30 p.m., SHAC  
Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 p.m., SHAC Back Room
- **Wednesday, November 4**  
The Workshop for Students, 6:00 p.m., SHAC  
Six - Mix for Children, 6:00 p.m., Dining Hall  
Adult Ensemble Rehearsal - 6:15 p.m., Choir Suite  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- **Thursday, November 5**  
Serve at McKemie Place, 5:30 p.m.
- **Friday - Sunday, November 6 - 8**  
Student Ministry Fall Staycation

## Giving Thanks

October 25, 2020

### STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$60,757.50  
Received Sunday.....\$36,082.09  
Received to Date.....\$1,934,864.10  
Expenses to Date.....\$1,931,677.47  
Balance to Date.....\$31,186.63

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.

Welcome  
New Members!



Bret & Shannon Webb  
*by Statement*

Gillian Webb  
*by Profession of Faith*

**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).  
POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 2 SOUTH MCGREGOR AVE.  
MOBILE, ALABAMA 36608  
PERIODICAL, POSTAGE PAID  
MOBILE, ALABAMA

**WHO DO YOU TRUST?**

We are being peppered with political ads as we approach election time. Statements are being made accusing the opponent of all sorts of egregious acts, and quite honestly none of us are quite sure of the truth on either side. Most of us are just ready for it to all be over with, yet



the anxiety about the future is worrisome to every person no matter the persuasion. This is not only true of politics but of the COVID crisis and hurricane predictions as well. Again, who can we trust?

With each lie revealed we become more disillusioned and cynical. We are less apt to place much trust in anyone or anything. Everything seems to be spinning out of control, so we begin to try harder to order and manipulate our little worlds. Sitting at the center we set boundaries, devise strategies and develop scenarios (real or false) to protect ourselves without realizing we are morphing into the very thing we are trying to protect ourselves from. Not only are we judging and condemning, we are dividing and separating. We establish us and them, good and bad, right and wrong. Our world becomes the right one and any other thought is wrong.

How terribly difficult it is to always be on the defensive. How

heavy a burden to carry to have to be right and to protect that position day in and day out. Particularly knowing on the inside that... you could be wrong. Our life develops into one long political ad.

Could this be the reason Christ spoke these words?

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

Did you just take a deep breath? I did. “Come unto me,” He said. “I am gentle and lowly in heart,” He said. “Find rest for your souls” ... Exhale...

This is Who you can trust. This is Who we can trust. Take His easy yoke. Let Him guide; learn from Him. Let Him be your defense, your wisdom, your rest, your direction. Move out from under that heavy load. It is not yours to control. Yoke yourself to the One who was present at the creation of light. The One who spoke the universe into existence. The One who breathed life into a creature made of dust.

I'll remind you, if you remind me.

Terry