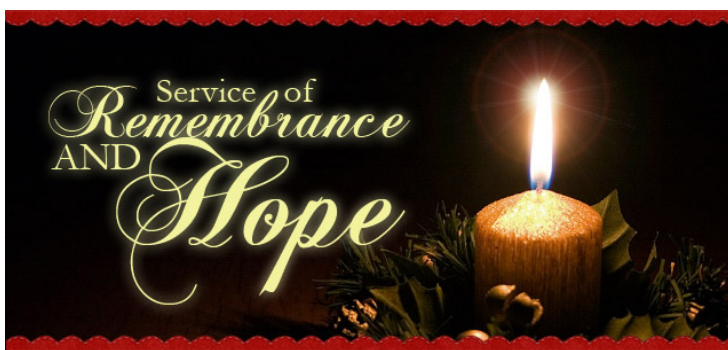


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A worshipping family of believers in Jesus Christ committed to understanding,  
living and sharing His message of hope for all people.



**Sunday, November 15 | 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sanctuary**

Join us for this service where we will share the names of loved ones who have passed away and have a time of remembrance and prayer. All are welcome.



**Sunday, November 22, 2020** will be a day of commitment and response as we vote to approve our proposed 2021 Missions and Ministry Budget and as we receive a special offering, above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings, for 2020 to help us with budget deficits left from the COVID absences. Please prayerfully consider your contribution toward supplying the needs for the rest of the 2020 ministry year.

**Light of the Village  
Thanksgiving**

Thank you for your willingness to help us with LOV's Thanksgiving Eve efforts! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they will not be able to gather as usual for their Thanksgiving Eve festival. Instead, they are collecting the items below to box and deliver to the families we serve the week of Thanksgiving.

- Potatoes (instant or whole)
- Frozen turkeys
- Stouffers dressing mix
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Boxed mac and cheese
- Canned creamed corn

If you would like to contribute, please sign up by visiting [www.shbc.cc/register](http://www.shbc.cc/register)

**ALL ITEMS ARE NEEDED BY  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22.**

Donations may be dropped off at the Spring Hill Baptist Activities Center during our normal business hours. Monetary donations would be wonderful as well. A donation of \$25 will sponsor a box for a family. A link for donations is also located at [www.shbc.cc/register](http://www.shbc.cc/register)

Questions? Contact Morgan Carnley at 334.406.0221 or [morganc@lightofthevillage.org](mailto:morganc@lightofthevillage.org).



Church Offices and  
Activities Center  
will be closed  
November 26 - 28, 2020.

# CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER & DEVOTION

*Spring Hill Baptist Dining Hall*

DECEMBER 9, 2020  
5:30 PM | COST: \$4

Make reservations by noon on December 8 by calling 342-5320

## THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

**Sunday, November 15**  
 8:45 a.m. .... Contemporary Worship Service  
 9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. .... Traditional Worship Service  
 4:00 p.m. .... Spring Hill Singers Rehearsal  
 4:00 p.m. .... Jr. High Singers Rehearsal  
 4:00 p.m. .... Service of Remembrance  
 6:00 p.m. .... TIC Bonus Rehearsal

**Monday, November 16**  
 5:30 p.m. .... Student Ministry: The Guild

**Tuesday, November 17**  
 9:30 a.m. .... Home of Grace

**Wednesday, November 18**  
 6:00 p.m. .... Children: Six-Mix  
 6:00 p.m. .... Business Meeting (Sanctuary)  
 6:00 p.m. .... Students: The Workshop  
 6:15 p.m. .... Adult Ensemble Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. .... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 19**

**Friday, November 20**

**Saturday, November 21**

**Sunday, November 22**  
 Harvest Sunday & Vote on Missions and Ministry Budget

*This Is Christmas*  
REIMAGINED 2020

This Is Christmas will be observed each Sunday of Advent in the 11:00 a.m. 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

# PACK A SHOEBOX!

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View solicitation disclosure information for Samaritan's Purse online at [samaritanspurserg.org/disclosure](http://samaritanspurserg.org/disclosure).

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**Shoeboxes are available in the Dining Hall Foyer, the Welcome Center, the Education Office and the Main Office. Deadline to Turn In Boxes: November 15**

We will pray over the boxes during the November 15 Worship Services.

**Home of Grace for Women**

The Home of Grace ministry team will be sharing a meal and encouragement with the ladies on **November 17**. 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.

**SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020  
6:00 p.m. – SHBC Sanctuary**

Please remember to socially distance. Wear masks, sanitize hands and no congregating inside the sanctuary or building.

At that time the following resolution will be introduced as requested by the deacon body:

“Be it resolved, that the church should indefinitely postpone the 2020 deacon election until such time as the congregation can be presented with, discuss and make a decision about the proposed new governance structure and amended bylaws.”

A second meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a vote on the resolution.

# 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.



*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*

## DEACON ELECTION

As you recall, the church in conference held deacon nominations on October 25, 2020 in the two worship services. Even in the midst of social distancing, you, the church gave an overwhelming response bringing new names and faces to our deacon body with 178 individuals receiving at least one nomination. The following sixteen individuals are those who received the most nominations and agreed to serve should they be elected:

Rene Beaver  
Doug Bridges  
Dennis Carroll  
Jody Crane  
David Duval  
Bob Grube  
Bob Hanks  
Tim Holloway  
Paul Lewis  
Susan McConnell  
Todd Meadows  
Charlotte Nicholas  
Mike Rice  
Mark Roberts  
Tammy Thompson  
Carol Williams

Please be in prayer as the church chooses eleven people to serve as deacons. The election will take place during the two worship services December 6, 2020.

Thank you for your prayerful participation,  
Your Deacon Election Committee

## Giving Thanks

November 8, 2020

### STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....	\$49,471.80
Received Sunday.....	\$72,209.90
Received to Date.....	\$2,079,133.85
Expenses to Date.....	\$2,066,229.64
Balance to Date.....	\$12,904.21

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.

### SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Vance Hibberts in his death on November 5.

The family of Brian Felder in his death on November 9.

The family of Pearl Hutchison in her death on November 9.

**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*

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**“THE COMMUNION” BY RICH MULLINS**

In one of those especially poignant passages that so frequently and powerfully mark the Gospels and charge them with the character of Christ, we encounter Jesus and His 12 in a moment of deep sorrow followed by a great flash of glory. (And does glory ever come except on the heels of sorrow?)

Jesus has just alienated many of His disciples by telling them that they must “eat (His) body” and drink (His) blood.” This directive must have been even more startling to its original audience than to us. They did not hear it through the filter of some 1900 years of systematizing theology contrived to intellectualize and cushion us against the blow of His outrageous command. They met it head-on and felt the full force of it, and they were repulsed.

Here Jesus, who was habitually pushing the margin of reason into the realms of faith, crossed the line. Here, He ventured too deeply into the uncharted territory of the kingdom of God, articulated too clearly the good, yet disturbing news of that kingdom and called for an obedience too radically opposite for the reasonable sensibilities of many disciples at that time. He called them to follow too far outside their well-defined comfort lines...and they ran away in disgust or stood paralyzed in terror as Jesus walked on—walked on into the blinding light of the liberation truth He had just spoken.

The 12 stayed with Him—maybe reluctantly, maybe for reasons that they didn’t know. But when Jesus asked that heartbreaking

question, “Will you also leave Me?” it is Peter—the impetuous apostle—who gives us the secret to the hidden heart of discipleship: “Where else can we go? You have the words of life!”

Peter may very well have been as perplexed over the point of Jesus’ teaching as those who abandoned Him, but he was not confused about Jesus, the person. Peter might have misunderstood His methods and mission, but he was certain that Jesus was Messiah. He may have been in the dark about where he was going, but he knew that in Jesus there was light. He may have been scared nearly to death by the demands of discipleship, but he knew that in Jesus there was life. Just before this confession of his dependency on and the sufficiency of Jesus, he had sunk in the storm of intimidating waves and had been rescued by the hand of a Master who knew his weakness and the shallowness of his faith (Matthew 14:22-31).

There is much that we are intimidated by in our walk: doctrines that run counter to our cultures and egos, tasks that seem nearly insurmountable, the weakness of our wills and the seeming severity of God’s. We can get lost in the endless debates over the mechanics of Christianity and sink in the despondency of our powerlessness to grasp the mystery of grace, but in the midst of that, we must do what the writer to the Hebrews advised (Hebrews 12:2) and what Peter did, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.” It is He who calls us and He who enables. His body is our bread; His blood, our drink. He has the words of life.