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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.



## HARVEST SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**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.



Please join us as we serve the women at McKemie Place on **Thursday, December 3**. 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!

### 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 they serve the week of Thanksgiving.

Potatoes (instant or whole)	Canned green beans
Frozen turkeys	Canned yams
Stouffers dressing mix	Canned collards or turnips
Canned cranberry sauce	Gravy packets
Boxed mac and cheese	Evaporated milk
Canned creamed corn	Whole pies/cakes

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).

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Church Offices and Activities Center will be closed November 26 - 28, 2020. Also, there will not be a Messenger for Nov. 25.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER & DEVOTION

In light of the recent increase in COVID cases and out of an abundance of caution for the health of our church family, we will not be having the Christmas Family Dinner & Devotion.

## THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, November 22

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  
 6:00 p.m..... TIC Bonus Rehearsal

Monday, November 23

5:30 p.m..... Student Ministry: The Guild

Tuesday, November 24

Wednesday, November 25

No Wednesday Night Activities  
 Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday, November 26

Church Offices & Activities Center Closed  
 Thanksgiving Holidays

Friday, November 27

Church Offices & Activities Center Closed  
 Thanksgiving Holidays

Saturday, November 28

Activities Center Closed  
 Thanksgiving Holidays

# Feliz Navidad!

## Preteen Christmas Party

Friday, December 4th

6:00-8:30 p.m.

SHBC Activities Center

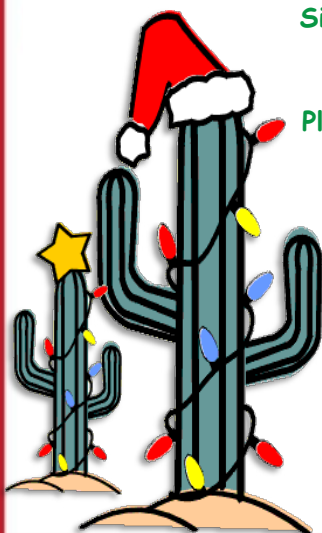
Sign Up online by Tuesday,  
 December 1st at  
[www.shbc.cc/register](http://www.shbc.cc/register).

Please bring a canned good  
 for the food bank.

Don't forget your  
 Dirty Santa gift  
 (\$10 max)

Questions?  
 Amy Browning  
[abrowning@shbc.cc](mailto:abrowning@shbc.cc)

**\*Masks required\***



## BRAZIL TRIP UPDATE



As you may be aware, this year's trip to Brazil had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 virus. The trip has now been rescheduled. The good news from this is, since we are re-forming the team, there will be room for you! I'm looking for 7 - 10

more people (doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals are needed). The trip will take place July 11 - 23, 2021, and the trip fee will be approximately \$1900. There will be a general interest meeting taking place on Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 4:00pm, in Room 236 of the Activities Center. If you're somewhat interested, just a little curious, or if you'd like to join us and be a part of an amazing mission trip to the Amazon Valley, then come and check it out! You will be under no pressure to join the team by coming to the meeting, as it will be informational only (however, the opportunity will be available for you to sign up if you'd like). If you have any questions call Eddie Smith at 209-9692, or email at [edsmithjr@comcast.net](mailto:edsmithjr@comcast.net).

*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

*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

## 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

# 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.



## Giving Thanks

November 15, 2020

### STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....	\$49,471.80
Received Sunday.....	\$82,345.51
Received to Date.....	\$2,474,517.40
Expenses to Date.....	\$2,451,754.20
Balance to Date.....	\$22,763.20

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 Jim Hutchison in the loss of his sister,  
Sara Francis Mosley, on November 14.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The family of Gene & Connie Bohlman in the birth  
of their great-grandson, Malachi Reid Bohlman, born  
November 2.

**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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**WHEN IN DOUBT, FOLLOW JESUS**

John 1  
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...

9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Today, Christians are fortunate to have multiple copies of what we call the Holy Bible. For most Protestants it contains the Old and New Testaments. For a few Protestants and most Catholics in addition to the Old and New Testaments, the Apocrypha is included for reference.

For centuries man has debated Scripture and its meaning. People with genuine desire to know God's truth and God's will have been on opposing sides in these debates. It is good to ask questions, to seek answers, to research, to pray and to listen. At times godly people and good friends disagree on how some Scriptures are interpreted. However, for centuries, most Christians agree on the following:

God, the Father is the almighty creator of heaven and earth. Jesus

Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Through Him, God sent the Holy Spirit, by whom we have a universal Church and together are considered the Body of Christ who is our Head. Through Christ we have forgiveness of sins and a promise of everlasting life.

Christ is the Living Word. In the Gospels, He called people to follow Him and to make disciples of others as He has done with us. Christ did not call us to be "Christians" He called us to be disciples. The word Christian occurs only 3 times in the New Testament, but disciple occurs more than 250 times. He called us to follow Him. So, if there is a question regarding Scripture written by one of the apostles, refer back to what Christ did. How did He treat people? How did He love? What were Christ's instructions and words? Even the apostle Paul reminded the Corinthian church of this very issue in the third chapter of 1 Corinthians.

What would happen if we truly started following Christ and His leading? I challenge each of us to reread the four Gospels. Look for Christ's actions and His words. For He was the living word in infinity before any scripture was written.

Look for Christ at church Sunday, and oh, by the way, bring Him with you too.

Peace,  
Terry