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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.

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.

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

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.



⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:8-14

THIS IS CHRISTMAS OFFERING



GlobalHungerRelief

bread for life.



This is Christmas has always been a gift to our community. Though this year is "Reimagined" because of COVID, we want to continue our past tradition of receiving an offering which is equally divided between the SBC Global Hunger Relief and our local Salvation Army. These organizations depend upon your contributions to sustain their ministries and every cent goes directly to these entities for food and resources. None of the money collected stays at SHBC or goes to administration.

You may contribute by placing your donation in the displays in the Sanctuary Foyer, the Dining Hall foyer, or by indicating on your envelope or check that it is for the TIC offering.

Thank you for continuing to reach outside our church to share resources and the love of Christ.

SHBC Student Ministry



UGLY SWEATER PARTY

December 16th

5:30 p.m. at the SHAC

Come for games and food/snacks!

Contact Josh at 342-5375 or email jkarl@shbc.cc if you have any questions.

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

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.

Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be sharing a meal and encouragement with the ladies on **December 15**. 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.

Rescue Mission Ministry

Looking for a way to get involved? Join us as we minister to the men at the Rescue Mission. **Our next ministry date is December 21**. Contact Will, wwright252@aol.com for more information.

**Below are the results of the
December 2, 2020 Special Called Business Meeting**

Tally from the vote on the following motion:
"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."

Number of votes counted: 321
Necessary for adoption: 2/3 Majority
Votes in favor of resolution: 218
Votes against resolution: 102
Illegal ballots rejected: 5

The total percentage of votes in favor was 67.91%.
The motion passed by a 2/3 majority, therefore the deacon election will be postponed.

Please continue to be in prayer as we move forward as a church in our mission to follow Christ and His purpose for this Body of Christ at Spring Hill.



We need candle-lighters in our two Christmas Eve Carols & Candlelight Services. If you are 16 years or older and would like to help in the 3:00 p.m. or the 5:00 p.m. service, please let us know by calling the Church office at 342-5320, or email Josh Karl at jkarl@shbc.cc. There will be a required "walk-through" prior to Christmas Eve.



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OUR CHURCH'S GOAL
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Welcome
New
Members!



Merrell and George Ann
Horsley
by Statement

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 6
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, December 7
5:30 p.m..... Student Ministry: The Guild

Tuesday, December 8

Wednesday, December 9
6:00 p.m..... The Workshop
6:15 p.m..... Adult Ensemble Rehearsal
7:00 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 10

Friday, December 11

Saturday, December 12
3:00 p.m..... Young Adult 4 Christmas Party

Sunday, December 13
2:00 p.m..... Children: Afternoon at the Stable

Giving Thanks

November 29, 2020

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$49,471.80
Received Sunday.....\$20,748.65
Received to Date.....\$2,257,756.97
Expenses to Date.....\$2,197,566.69
Balance to Date.....\$60,190.28

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 Abilene Hannie in her death on November 23.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

The family of Rich & Karen Nenstiel in the birth of their grandson, Louis Alan Campbell, born November 24.

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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

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RECOMMIT TO HIS PURPOSE

In the early part of this century, a group was called to study the purpose and direction of Spring Hill Baptist Church as we moved toward the future. After searching scriptures on the early church, reading the teachings of Christ in the Gospels, and researching ways to reach our community, this group, along with our then pastor and staff, came up with this statement:

Spring Hill Baptist Church is a worshipping family of believers in Jesus Christ committed to understanding, living and sharing His message of hope for all people.

At that time, we began to recommit to that purpose. Over the last decade or so, changes have taken place in our world and within our church community, and that purpose statement was hidden from view. Though we continued with many programs and missions which were effective in their own right, as a church, our focus around that purpose and the acknowledgement of Christ as our head diminished.

So, in the midst of this Advent season, let us return to our Christ and His purpose.

Brennan Manning shares the following:
“This is the God of the gospel of grace. A God who, out of love for us, sent the only Son He ever had wrapped in our skin. He learned how to walk, stumbled and fell, cried for His milk, sweated blood in the night, was lashed with

a whip and showered with spit, was fixed to a cross, and died whispering forgiveness on us all.” And I would add, on the third day defeated death and is interceding for us at the right hand of the Father even now.

This is the Good News. This is the Gospel. This is what we are to be living and proclaiming to a world in turmoil. Let us return to our anchor so we will be able to draw others to Him. We all must remember the following as stated by Eugene Peterson (author of The Message): “[Jesus] said ‘Follow me’ and ended up with a lot of losers. And these losers ended up, through no virtue or talent of their own, becoming saints. Jesus wasn’t after the best but the worst.”

We, as His church must return, individually and corporately, to following the Christ we profess as Lord and Savior, allowing Him to transform us just as He did Mary Magdalene, Simon, Matthew, Thomas, the Samaritan woman, the Roman centurion and, yes, Joseph and His Mother Mary.

Arise, church, for our light has come. As we sing about it this season, let us embrace it with our whole being that we may be continually transformed into His image so the world will know we are His children.

I’ll see you Sunday,
Terry