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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.

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 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.



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.



A Great *Multitude* + You
Rev. 7:9

OUR CHURCH'S GOAL

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REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

JOIN US IN HELPING OTHERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH A REVERSE ADVENT FOOD BOX. USE THIS AS A DAILY GUIDE TO ADD AN ITEM TO YOUR BOX EACH DAY. ON CHRISTMAS EVE, TAKE YOUR FILLED BOX TO THE FOOD BANK!

1 CEREAL	2 PEANUT BUTTER	3 JELLY	4 INSTANT POTATOES
5 STUFFING MIX	6 MACARONI AND CHEESE	7 CANNED TOMATOES	8 CANNED CHICKEN/TUNA
9 DESSERT MIX	10 APPLESAUCE	11 CANNED SWEET POTATOES	12 CRANBERRY SAUCE
13 PACKAGE OF RICE	14 CRACKERS	15 WAFFLE/PANCAKE MIX	16 GRITS/OATMEAL
17 PACKAGE OF PASTA	18 SPAGHETTI SAUCE	19 CANNED MIXED VEGGIES	20 CANNED BEANS
21 CANNED CORN	22 CANNED SOUP	23 CANNED FRUIT	24 BOX OF COOKIES

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 13
 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 2:00 p.m. Children: Afternoon at the Stable
 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 14
 5:30 p.m. Student Ministry: The Guild

Tuesday, December 15
 9:30 a.m. Home of Grace
 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
 7:15 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, December 16
 6:00 p.m. The Workshop: Ugly Sweater Party
 6:15 p.m. Adult Ensemble Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

Our Holiday Schedule

December 24 & 25 Church Offices & Activities Center Closed
December 27 No Sunday School
December 31 Church Offices & Activities Center Close at Noon
January 1 Church Offices & Activities Center Closed
January 6 We will return to our regular schedule



SAVE THE DATE
 1/31/21

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. JOSHUA 1:9

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Outside Our Comfort Zone

Spring Hill Baptist Church Sanctuary
 5:30 P.M.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:
 The family of Hannah & Stephen Thomas in the birth of their daughter, Leighton Olivia Thomas, born December 1.

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
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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

THE MESSENGER, (UPS 512-220), IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARDI GRAS, JULY 4, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS).
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HOPE, PEACE, JOY!



I write this on Monday, December 7, 2020. As I do, I recall my parents' stories of this date in 1941 when Japanese warplanes bombed the U.S. naval base at Oahu Island's Pearl Harbor as

well as other Pacific islands—and the United States entered World War II. President Roosevelt announced over radio the news, marking it as a day that will live in infamy.

Fear and anxiety raced around the world. It was a terrifying time that finally came to an end in 1945 with the US deploying 2 atomic bombs on the island nation of Japan. Estimates put the death toll of the war from 62 to 78 million souls.

Each decade the world experiences crises that create that same fear and unsettledness. The Christmas carol is true "Long lay the world, in sin and error pining," and we still see the world in darkness. Wars, threats, divisions, pandemics, dissention and selfishness seem a black hole that envelops all in their path.

But there is good news! Hope has arrived!

Over 2000 years ago, there was a day that began not a war, but the redemption of mankind. This event will lead to the end of evil. It was the arrival of the Messiah. God sneaked quietly into our world as the Christ Child. No longer are we left to the evil whims of selfish mankind. No longer are we powerless slaves to our own selfishness. God has come to redeem His world. Our rescue is imminent. **Emmanuel, God is with us.**

Let us not languish in hopelessness. Embrace the Light of Christ that we know to be true and walk in that light. As we prepare for the Christmas Season let us begin to focus on the redemption of Christ that is in the process of restoring our souls. Submit to His power and His call to be His children, and bring hope to our world.

Rejoice!
Terry

When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12