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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 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
Call 251-342-5320 for Reservations.

Our Holiday Schedule

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| December 24 & 25 | Church Offices & Activities Center Closed |
| December 27 | One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School |
| December 31 | Church Offices & Activities Center Close at Noon |
| January 1 | Church Offices & Activities Center Closed |



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OUR CHURCH'S GOAL

\$20,000

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THIS IS CHRISTMAS OFFERING



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 baskets 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.

IMPORTANT DATES IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AT SHBC TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS:

Christmas Holidays
(Church Offices &
Activities Center
Closed)
Thursday, December
24-25)

**VIV (Very Important
Valentine Event)**
Tuesday, February 9

**Egg Hunt on
the Hill**
Sunday, March 28
(2:00-4:00 p.m.)

**Vacation Bible
School**
June 6-9

Lake Forest Ranch
June 19-23

**2021 Parent Summit
with Vicki Courtney**
August 28



A special gift will be available for our children this Sunday, December 20 - Cookie Cutter Nativity Sets. This devotion set was written to be done in 4 days, but can certainly be done in 1 fun, cookie-baking session. Each devotion corresponds with cookie cutters that represent special elements of the Christmas story. All you need is some store-bought dough – the cookie cutters are provided. Have fun sharing the story of Jesus' birth by making cookies together!

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” – Isaiah 9:6

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.

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!

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| 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 20

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

Monday, December 21

8:30 a.m..... Waterfront Rescue Mission

Tuesday, December 22

Wednesday, December 23 No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, December 24

Merry Christmas!
 Church Offices & Activities Center Closed

3:00 p.m..... Carols and Candlelight: A Celebration of the Christ Child
 5:00 p.m..... Carols and Candlelight: A Celebration of the Christ Child

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
 Church Offices & Activities Center Closed

Saturday, December 26

Activities Center Closed

10:00 a.m..... One Worship Service Only/No Sunday School

Giving Thanks

December 13, 2020
 STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$129,631.50
 Received Sunday.....\$35,017.68
 Received to Date.....\$2,292,774.65
 Expenses to Date.....\$2,239,289.63
 Balance to Date.....\$53,485.02

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GOAL.....\$20,000
 GIVEN TO DATE.....\$3,628

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.

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.

Follow us @SpringHillBaptist
 Facebook & Instagram!



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.

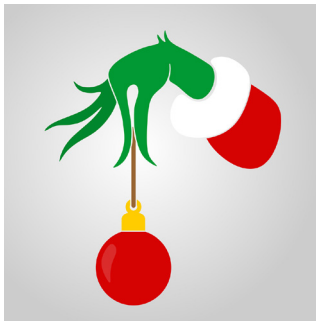


There will not be a Messenger for the week of Christmas.

Also, on Sunday, December 27 we will have one Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and no Sunday School.

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



The house is decorated, treats prepared, gifts are almost all purchased and now we wait. We wait for Christmas morning. What are we waiting for? Soon another Christmas day will have passed, and we will begin to return to our “normal” routines with a sigh. The decorations will need to be put away until next year, the last of the leftovers will

be tossed and the warm glow of the Christmas lights will be dimmed. And the celebration will end...or will it?

Dr Seuss reminds us:

“It came without ribbons! It came without tags!”

“It came without packages, boxes or bags!”

And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore.

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn’t before!

“Maybe Christmas,” he thought, “doesn’t come from a store.”

“Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!”

And it does!

Christmas is a promise of hope, a plan for rescue, literally a mission from God to salvage a broken people. Christmas came when He entered our world as one of us, to be with us and to show us the love the Father has for us. God slipped into our world, hidden from view, yet all heaven rejoiced along with a few shepherds and a young, fearful couple. Now, over 2000 years later we celebrate. And what are we celebrating? Liberation because of Love. The ribbons and bows and trees and trimmings, the parties the fanfare, the music are all pointing to our liberation from evil and to a King who graces us with Fatherly love. We are celebrating the King of the Universe, our Creator who loves us enough to become one of us. Let this celebration not end when the trappings are put away. Embrace our liberation. Embrace the Christ of Christmas every day.

Deo gratias!
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