



# The MESSANGER

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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.

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



Esther & John, missionaries from Pakistan, will equip us in sharing the gospel with those who need the Light.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021**  
**SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY**  
**5:30 P.M.**

• **Limited Seating – Reservations Required** •

Email Terry@shbc.cc or call the church office, (251) 342-5320  
Register for childcare before Wednesday, January 27.

**A special mission offering for Christ followers  
in Pakistan will be collected.**



Esther Ahmad's books,  
"Defying Jihad" & "Unveiled"  
will be available to purchase.

Sponsored by Spring Hill Baptist Church WMU and Women's Ministry

### 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 eddsmithjr@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

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## THE CHURCH GATHERED AND SCATTERED

COVID 19 has changed our world drastically. We are all weary and frustrated. We desire desperately to return to normal. And eventually we will have some normalcy. For now, however, vaccines are not complete; masks and social distancing are still the practice, and trying to decide what is best regarding church gatherings and activities remains a balancing act. Your staff is working to develop new and safer ways of gathering and interacting. In the meantime, we ask for your patience, your prudence in following safety guidelines and your prayers as we reinvent what it means to have corporate worship and to engage in discipleship, ministry and outreach. You are encouraged to be engaged in private worship and prayer and to be involved on campus to the extent that you feel safe. Know we are praying for you.



### GUESS WHAT?!

Zumba is NOW on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Activities Center!

Questions? Contact Colleen Smith, 342-5375 or [csmith@shbc.cc](mailto:csmith@shbc.cc)

### THE STUDENT MINISTRY DISCIPLESHIP GROUP The Guild

Mondays | 5:30 p.m.  
Starting Back January 11  
Activities Center

Sign up online @  
[www.shbc.cc/register](http://www.shbc.cc/register)

Questions? Contact Josh Karl,  
342-5375 or [jkarl@shbc.cc](mailto:jkarl@shbc.cc)

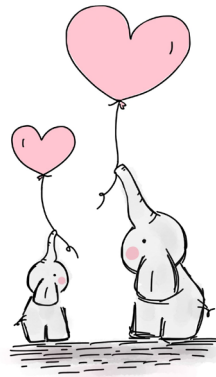


### Rescue Mission Ministry

Looking for a way to get involved? Join us as we minister to the men at the Rescue Mission. **Our next ministry date is January 18.** Contact Will, [wright252@aol.com](mailto:wright252@aol.com) for more information.

### Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be sharing a meal and encouragement with the ladies on **January 19.** 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.

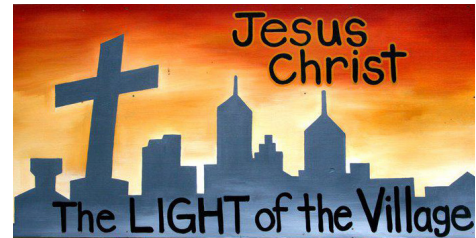


Save the date!

## VIV Special Event

Tuesday, February 9th

(VIV=Very Important Valentine!)



### PLEASE HELP: FOOD DONATIONS TO NEEDY FAMILIES

**Items are being collected in marked boxes in the Education Office, the Activities Center and on the second floor of the Adult Sunday School Building.**

**Items Needed:** boxed mac-n-cheese, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, ramen noodles, rice, beans, cans of ravioli, corn, green beans, yams, collards, tuna fish, canned ham, canned chicken, Vienna Sausages, canned pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal bars, crackers, loaf of bread, toilet paper, toothpaste, dish soap and bleach

**You can help by bringing items, helping prepare the bags each month, and/or helping deliver the food bags.** Please contact Judy Wesson at 423-5402 if you would like to help.



**Students (Grades 7 - 12)  
Join us for the Workshop on  
Wednesday Nights starting January 13  
from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
in the Gym**

Social Distancing will be observed.



\$60 or \$5 Walk-In

DECEMBER 21, 2020 - FEBRUARY 9, 2021

FITNESS SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6:00 - 6:30 a.m.		emPower-U Boot Camp Caleb Cox		emPower-U Boot Camp Caleb Cox	
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.		Zumba Julisa Theodore		Zumba Julisa Theodore	
8:15 - 9:00 a.m.		Pilates Lauren Carr		Pilates Lauren Carr	
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Silver Sneakers Walking Lisa Rush	Silver Sneakers Walking Lisa Rush		Silver Sneakers Walking Lisa Rush	
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.					
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.		Silver Sneakers/ Walking Lisa Rush		Silver Sneakers/ Walking Lisa Rush	
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.		Silver Sneakers/ Tighten & Tone Lisa Rush		Silver Sneakers/ Tighten & Tone Lisa Rush	
9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Silver Sneakers/ Balance & Agility Lisa Rush	Silver Sneakers/ Balance & Agility Lisa Rush		Silver Sneakers/ Balance & Agility Lisa Rush	
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.		emPower-U Boot Camp Kathleen Coffman		Zumba Kathleen Coffman	

MUSINGS OF A STUDENT PASTOR

The clock struck midnight, the new year had begun. The storms began rolling through earlier in the evening, preventing the normal end of year fireworks and outdoor celebrations, a final parting shot from 2020. Finally, the world could reset and breathe again. What had been collectively a year filled with anxiety and worry about disease, loss of income, loss of normalcy, and for many, loss of loved ones, would now begin anew with plans for the future.

Switching the calendar over seems therapeutic for most of us. A fresh start is always welcomed. We like to have blocks of time where we do things differently for awhile, and a year's time seems manageable (unless there's a quarantine). It is time for those New Year's resolutions and decisions to kick in, or for those who do not like the resolutions to say "bah, humbug".

The question we have to ask ourselves is this: What is really changing? Did our problems vanish at the stroke of midnight? Are we not still wearing masks, staying "socially distant", and being fatigued just by hearing or reading those words? Hope does seem to be slowly arriving in the form of vaccines, but the necessary trudge through the wilderness to arrive at the proverbial oasis is still before us. So how do we find relief when seemingly nothing has changed in our lives? How do we move forward?

If you ask someone who has experienced hard or difficult times in their life on how they managed, you may get various responses, but many of those answers can often be boiled down into this: they found a purpose. People throughout history have overcome long odds,

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, January 10

- 8:45 a.m..... Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m..... Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m..... Traditional Worship Service
- No Jr. High Singers or Spring Hill Singers Rehearsal

Monday, January 11

- 5:30 p.m..... Students: The Guild

Tuesday, January 12

- 6:00 p.m..... Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:15 p.m..... Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

- 12:30 p.m..... College Girls Bible Study
- No Adult Ensemble or Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 14

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16

Giving Thanks

January 3, 2020  
STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$129,631.50  
 Received Sunday.....\$1,034,436.72  
 Received to Date.....\$3,248,596.69  
 Expenses to Date.....\$3,187,695.07  
 Balance to Date.....\$60,901.62

LOTTIE MOON

GOAL.....\$20,000  
 GIVEN TO DATE.....\$12,047.00

THIS IS CHRISTMAS OFFERING  
(World Hunger & Salvation Army)

GIVEN TO DATE.....\$16,659.78

been successful, beaten disease, made historic comebacks, or found the will to move ahead because they identified a purpose for doing so.

No, not much has changed in the last week (except having to correct the date when we sign), but we have been given an opportunity to show how we have been renewed. As the church, we place a heavy emphasis on the passage in Matthew 28: "Go, therefore, and make disciples". Even in the midst of a pandemic that may frighten or anger us to no end, we cannot lose sight of our purpose. We have an incredible opportunity before us to continue to serve those in need: physically, mentally, and spiritually. We have a chance to be different, not because we have all of the answers and not because our lives are perfect, but actually because we are not perfect and we do not have it all figured out. We can point others to the same grace that we received. Let's live with a gospel-oriented purpose.

Happy New Year,  
Josh Karl, Student Pastor

**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.

*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.*

*John 1:14*

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**CHILDREN OF GOD**

There are those of us in this world who live being chased by the feeling that permeates much of Western society that “one is only as good as one’s last good deed.” We observe the practice in every walk of life from the housekeeper to the coach, from the parent to the child and from spouse to spouse. Maybe that is why so many of us are uncomfortable with accolades. No matter the praise received, there is always the drop of the other shoe. Through these experiences, we are trained to give little credit to the multiple kudos received and focus on that criticism that grows deep roots in our psyche.

But hear what the Beloved Apostle John says:

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” 1 John 3:1

Children of God!

And earlier in John 1:13 & 14 “Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”

Our value, our worth has been established by the One who created us. Our Heavenly Father chose to lavish His extraordinary love on us and call us His own through the power He gave Christ to redeem us. If we can truly grasp this concept and risk embracing that love, we can be transformed. All the plans to improve, all the New Year’s resolutions, all the practices and diets can be helpful, but without embracing the truth that we are Children of God, we will never be truly comfortable in our skin.

Dear friends, may we delve into the story of Christ and His redeeming, transforming love for us that we may truly become living examples of who we are - Children of God.

With the embrace of the Father,

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*