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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.

NEW
DATE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

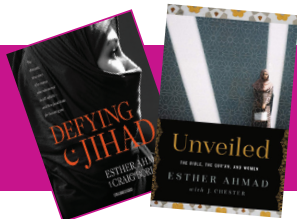
SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY

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, February 24.

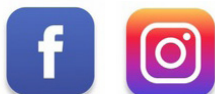
A special mission offering for Christ followers in Pakistan will be collected.



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

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

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KidzQuest

Discovering God through
Music & Missions!

Wednesday Nights
February 3–May 12
from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

4K–6th grade children
(nursery provided for volunteers only)

Sign-up required by January 25
in order to ensure COVID compliance
in our small group settings.

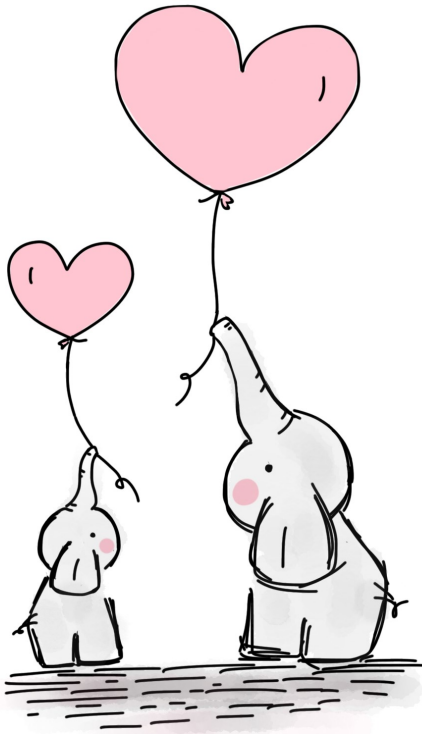


Questions? Contact Erica
Holloway at eholloway@shbc.cc

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE MANAGER'S OFFICE

Many of you may be aware that our financial manager, Denise Marsh, encountered some serious health issues over the last weeks which required major surgery. She is now recuperating at home. Amy Browning, one of our members who is a CPA has stepped in and is working with your staff to assist with the financial responsibilities. With her assistance, your contribution records will be mailed to you as soon as possible. Your patience is requested as we address this process. Should you have questions, please phone our office at 251-342-5320.

Thank you,
Terry Richey, Associate Pastor



VIV Sweet-Art Paint Night

Tuesday, February 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

in the SHAC Gymnasium

Cost is \$10 per person

For children k5-6th grade & their guest

Each child can bring one Very Important Valentine
(parent, grandparent, special adult friend)

Come dressed to paint and don't forget your masks!

Sign up early because space will be limited due to COVID restrictions.

You can sign up online at www.shbc.cc/register

(Deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 31st)



NEW BIBLE STUDIES FOR LADIES

Our ladies started a new study, **No Other Gods** by Kelly Minter on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Backroom of the SHAC. This Bible study is also

available through Zoom. Books are available at the Activities Center for \$16. Text or call Judy Wesson, 251-423-5402 or email jcwau84@aol.com with any questions and if you would like a link for Zoom.

Also, another study available for ladies is **Forgiving What You Can't Forget** by Lysa Terkeurst on Thursdays, beginning February 4 at 9:15 a.m. in the Backroom of the SHAC. Book orders due by Thursday, January 13 (Cost: \$15.40). Please contact Carol Williams, ccec4@comcast.net, to order your book.



Students (Grades 7 - 12)
Join us for the Workshop on
Wednesday Nights starting February 3
from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
in the Gym

Social Distancing will be observed.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:22-26



Student Ministry Parent Meeting
Sunday, February 7 @ 4:30 p.m.
SHAC Gym

We will discuss major dates on the 2021 calendar, student education and discipleship focus, and fun events too!

Music Ministry News

- February 3** 7:00 p.m. **Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume in the choir loft**
 6:30 p.m. **Adult Ensemble rehearsals resume in choir suite**
- February 7** 5:00 p.m. **Spring Hill Singers resume**
 5:00 p.m. **Jr. High Singers resume**
- March 31** 12:00 p.m. **Organ Meditations on the Cross**
- April 1** 7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Service**
- April 4** **Easter**
- June 17-27** **Spring Hill Singers Tour**

All choir rehearsals will be *socially distanced* and choir members are required to *wear a mask*. If you forget your mask, no problem, masks are available in the choir room.
Pending COVID-19 Improvement.

Spring Hill Singers

Rehearsals

resume

February 7, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Dream On

Choir Room followed by *Aerobics Room*

Pending Covid Improvement



Please join us as we serve the women at McKemie Place on **Thursday, February 4**. 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!

PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

I had my car serviced recently and when I picked it up I immediately noticed that the oil wasn't the only thing that had been changed! My radio was blaring something so loud and obnoxious that I could not change it fast enough!

While it was certainly simple to adjust the station, I found myself wishing I could just as easily "tune out" much of 2020. We should seek to be informed, but in this age of instantaneous information, we are continually bombarded with news from our television, computer, phone, and even our watches! This constant coverage is usually more negative than positive and can easily become overwhelming.

So where is our hope? As Christians, our hope is where it has always been — in Jesus Christ! We must continue to do what Christians have always done — turn to the scripture! While there are many ways to hide God's Word in our hearts, one of the most

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, January 31

- 8:45 a.m..... Online Worship Service
 11:00 a.m..... Online Worship Service
 No Jr. High Singers or Spring Hill Singers Rehearsal

Monday, February 1

- 5:30 p.m..... Students: The Guild
 6:00 p.m..... Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, February 2

Wednesday, February 3

- 6:00 p.m..... KidzQuest
 6:00 p.m..... The Workshop
 6:30 p.m..... Adult Ensemble Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 4

- 9:15 a.m..... Ladies' Bible Study
 5:30 p.m..... Serve at McKemie Place

Friday, February 5

Saturday, February 6

Sunday, February 7

Return to In Person Worship

Jr. High Singers & Ringers
Rehearsals resume @ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 7, 2021
Socially distanced and masked.
Pending COVID Improvement

effective and encouraging for me is through music. Scripture, whether directly quoted or paraphrased, set to beautiful music encourages us, strengthens us and uplifts us. It helps us maintain our focus. This isn't new! David played his harp to soothe Saul's spirit on numerous occasions. (1 Samuel 16:14-23) The Psalms are full of exhortations of praise to the Lord and we are commanded to praise Him with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16)

So, in 2021, when the news is overwhelming, or when you are stressed or burdened, listen to God's word set to music... and join in! Whether it's a solo in the shower, humming in your car on your daily commute, singing from your pew on Sunday, or even whistling, praise the Lord and be encouraged!

Bill

Church Office 342-5320

Dr. Rob Jackson Interim Pastor
Rev. Terry Richey Associate Pastor
Rev. Randy Grim Minister of Music
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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.



We plan to return to on campus services on
Sunday, February 7, 2021!

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HAVE YOU GROWN OUT OF FAITH?

As a child it was easy to believe in God, in love and in laughter. For children, more is unknown than known. Mystery for a child is exciting and wonderous. But for adults, we “know better.” As adults we struggle with faith. Oh, we want to believe, but we also want to control. Just like the Pharisees we build elaborate dogmas to help bolster our personal theology and supposedly support our souls so we can reach the God whom we desperately need. But too often we construct Him in our own image: therefore, He is an impotent God in our eyes.

Please hear me when I say that we are to study, to read, to seek the truth from Scripture and from those whom God has given great minds and theological insights; however, we must never place God in a small reliquary to use to defend our selfish wants. This is not faith. Never would any of us intentionally make a choice to treat God in this manner. Unfortunately, many of us do not grow into faith, but grow out of it. As Erwin McManus has said, “Most of us don’t sell our souls to the devil; we just slowly give them away.”

Scientists tell us that the universe is constantly expanding into a vastness that we can never fully reach. I propose that when God created us, He intended the same for our souls. The mystery of faith comes when we learn that He loves us infinitely more than we can imagine. The Father’s desire was to show us not only His love for us but to open us up to the unending possibilities available to us if we embrace His love, trust that He is working for our good and begin to allow ourselves to be drawn to the mystery of His heart. In our world this is difficult to do, for our focus is drawn to the immediate crises, many on which

we have no real influence. We forget to look to the One who holds the world and the future. We lose our desire for mystery, and therefore our expectancy of God’s intervention dissolves to the mundane challenges. Elizabeth Barrett Browning expresses this succinctly:

“Earth’s crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries.”

We as God’s children are chosen to do more than to simply survive; we are empowered to thrive. Let’s take the challenge. Ask your Father to give you the heart, the wonder and the excitement and faith of a child, and in the midst of all that is swirling violently around us, grasp hold of the mystery and power of our Almighty God.

Jesus called a little child to His side and set him on His feet in the middle of them all. “Believe me,” He said, “unless you change your whole outlook and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven. It is the man who can be as humble as this little child who is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 18:3-4 J.B. Phillips NT

Little children, embrace faith.

Terry