



The **MESSENGER**
SPRING HILL
Baptist Church

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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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.



Vacation Bible School 2021!

June 6 - 9, 2021

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Register Online @ www.shbc.cc/register



SHBCKIDS

Family Picnic

Wednesday, May 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Grassy Area by Library

\$10 Per Family / Food Provided

Sign up online by May 23

Celebrate the start of summer at the

SHAC END OF THE YEAR PARTY

Thursday May 20 from 5-7pm

Come enjoy Wiffleball for the Adults, Rocket
League Basketball and Crafts

REGISTER ONLINE @ SHBC.CC/REGISTER,
\$5/PERSON (INCLUDES DINNER)

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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 May 17.** Contact Will, wwright252@aol.com for more information.

Home of Grace for Women

NOTE NEW TIME 10:45 a.m.

The Home of Grace ministry team will be sharing a meal and encouragement with the ladies on **May 18.** We will not be staying there due to Covid, but will need you to drop off food to the buses prior to our 10:45 a.m. departure. Please call Janice Butler at 634-1566 to get more information.



Thursday, May 20, 9:15 AM
M.A.G.I.C. will visit the Semmes Heritage Park. Our tour guides will be telling us about the history behind each of the structures that have been relocated to the park. Picnic tables in the shade will be ready for us to bring your own sack

lunch. Bottled water will be provided. Donations are appreciated for the park so they can continue their mission.

Thursday, June 10

M.A.G.I.C. will travel to see the SummerTide production of *Starting Here, Starting Now*. Please contact Olna for details.

Thursday, June 24, 9:15 AM.

M.A.G.I.C. will visit the History Museum of Mobile to see two exhibits - "Egyptian Mummies and Eternal Life" and "The History of Mobile in 22 Objects." The admission for these two exhibits is \$8.00 total.

Make your reservations by emailing Olna at



Summer Music at Spring Hill July 19-23, 2021

- Cost: \$80 for one child, \$130 for two children per family, \$160 for three or more children per family
- Church members use the code SMASH21 at checkout for 15% off through May 15.
- Register online at www.shbc.cc/register.

Let's continue to protect one another.

At Spring Hill Baptist, we will continue to require masks indoors until the end of May and masks will become optional in June. Many are still waiting to receive the complete vaccination. Thank you for

your understanding and patience as we keep one another healthy.



We are excited to announce that we have been nominated as one of the Top 6 Best Daycare/Mother's Day Out!

We need your help! Voting is open until May 23. You can vote once a day. The ballot will be available to start voting [on Wednesday, April 28 at noon](http://www.votenappies.com) at www.votenappies.com. Encourage your friends and family to vote too!

Thank you for helping our school by voting!



"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is STARTING BACK on the first and second Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Activities Center. We would like to invite all (those who would like to learn or those who are experienced knitters). If

you would like to donate yarn, please drop your donations off in the Education Office. For more information and to be a part of this loving ministry contact Yvonne Lawrence 251-421-3049. A box for donations is in the Education Office for your convenience.

UPCOMING STUDENT MINISTRY DATES



May 14: Youth Grill n' Chill

June 7 - 12: Mission Fuge @ Ridgecrest, NC

June 25: Tour of Pools



July 9: Movie Night

July 24: Tour of Pools

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

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Dear Children,

I use that term in a pastoral sense. We are all Children of the Father. He has given us this Body of Christ and called us together. You have nurtured, guided and prayed for me as a minister since 1983. Amazing isn't it? Therefore, now I speak to you not as The Shepherd but as one of many shepherds who are at Spring Hill.

What we have experienced in the last few years has been less than being led by The Shepherd. It has been fractious, dissentious and quite honestly self-serving on many counts. Authority is a word that has been thrown about as if we were in a hierarchical establishment. Each of us has convictions about biblical authority, but very few of us have acted in a "biblical" way. For if we had, this would have dissipated years ago. We as a church have so mirrored what we have seen in our political world that it has become downright egregious. Yes, we have looked like the world we are called to come out from.

I dare say that there is not a one of you who does not want to follow biblical principles. However, I believe that we must follow what Christ put forth as Biblical. Look at His life. Read the Gospels and once again see how He responded to people. See how He treated those who had been passed over and rejected by the "scripturally religious". We as a Southern Baptist Church have always emphasized the primacy of Scripture. And that is admirable. Yet, we must interpret Scripture in light of God with Us, Jesus Christ, not the other way around, lest we become the Pharisees who held to the law but ignored the Giver of the Law; the very ones we are so ready to criticize. The question is, "are we following Christ?" Christ revealed the ultimate truth of Scripture by His life. God sent Him not only to redeem the world but to show the world what the Father was like! Look at His life, learn from Him.

When we ask "what would Jesus do?" - read what He did. He healed, He loved the sinner, He touched the leper and the broken, He associated with the "wrong kind of women and the worst of men", He called women and men to follow Him, He turned over tables and braided whips in the temple attacking those who were trying to profit and build themselves up through religion. Jesus stepped outside of the "religious norm" to "seek and save those who were wandering lost." How do we follow this Christ?

It is revealed in the words He spoke. These words from John are what we are to do.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.
John 15:1-17

Dear children, Let us follow Christ that the world may know the love of the One whom we profess.

Terry

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, May 9

8:45 a.m..... Contemporary Service
9:45 a.m..... Sunday School
11:00 a.m..... Traditional Service
5:00 p.m..... Jr. High Ringers

Monday, May 10

9:00 a.m..... Art on the Hill Class
1:00 p.m..... Art on the Hill Class
5:30 p.m..... Students: The Guild
6:00 p.m..... Ladies' Bible Study

Tuesday, May 11

9:00 a.m..... Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30 p.m..... Art on the Hill Class
6:00 p.m..... Finance Committee Meeting
7:15 p.m..... Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, May 12

6:00 p.m..... KidzQuest
6:00 p.m..... The Workshop: Students
6:00 p.m..... Adult Bible Study
6:20 p.m..... Adult Ensemble
7:00 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 13

Friday, May 14

6:00 p.m..... Youth Grill n' Chill at the Rice's

Saturday, May 15

Giving Thanks

May 2, 2021

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$43,764.80
Received Sunday.....\$38,905.75
Received to Date.....\$1,071,031.89
Expenses to Date.....\$951,138.97
Balance to Date.....\$119,892.92

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.



Our freezer is full! The Freezer Fare Ministry has been busy stocking the freezers. If you'd like to request a meal for someone, you can submit that request by visiting www.shbc.cc/resources or call the church office, 251-342-5320.

Church Office 342-5320

Dr. Rob Jackson Interim Pastor
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Rev. Josh Karl Student & College Pastor
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Activities Center 342-5375

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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.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

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Art on the Hill

in the Craft Room of the Activities Center
Instructor: Corky Goldman, Watercolor Artist

Class Times:
Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Mondays, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monthly painting classes in watercolor, oil, acrylic
and drawing for beginners through advanced.
Cost is \$65 per month

For more information, contact Corky Goldman
251-209-3224 or 251-660-9045 or
corkygoldman@gmail.com

in the summer
SHBC KIDS
HAVE F.I.T.S.

- Wednesday, June 16**
CHALK-A-BRATION
- Wednesday, July 14**
FAMILY POOL PARTY
- Wednesday, July 28**
FAMILY SKATE AND BIKE NIGHT

NEW BIBLE STUDIES FOR LADIES

Our Thursday morning ladies Bible study will resume September 9. We will be studying *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will read and discuss three chapters each week so it will be a four week study. (Sept 9, 16, 23 & 30). Please read the first three chapters before Sept 9. If you would like to order a book please contact Carol Williams by August 25th at 251-604-4082 or ccec4@comcast.net.

