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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.

Since 1998, the bylaws of [SHBC] have used the word "person" or "member" and "relevant New Testament scriptures" to describe qualifications for deacons...There has been a disagreement over whether "member" should include men and women, or men only.

Special Called Business Meeting for Sunday, May 23, 2021

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 in the regularly scheduled business meeting, a motion to amend the bylaws was presented and seconded. Discussion followed, but no vote was taken as an amendment to the bylaws requires special notice and two-thirds vote to pass.

The motion is as follows:

I move to amend Article III, Section 4, Paragraph A of the Bylaws of SHBC to insert gender specific language describing the Deacons. In the interest of church unity and to exceed a 2/3 vote, each voter may instruct the tellers to change his or her vote to be in accordance with the majority vote.

Further discussion of this motion will be held Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

The vote will be taken by written ballot in both morning worship services on Sunday, May 23, 2021, with provisions for a drive through voting process for those who are health compromised.

Please be in prayer for unity as we strive to move forward to be the Church Christ is calling us to be.

Sample Ballot

The portion of the SHBC Bylaws which are affected by this motion to amend reads as follows:

ARTICLE III: CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 4: Deacons

A. Composition The body of Deacons shall be composed of thirty-three (33) active members of the Church...

1. Insert one of the following before the phrase "members of the Church": (check one).

"Male and Female" ____

"Male" ____

2. If necessary to achieve a 2/3 vote and for church unity, I direct the teller to change my vote to the majority vote on the above issue:

Yes ____

No ____

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.



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

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



SHBC FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!!!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

5:30-7:30 P.M.

SUNSHINE SKATE CENTER

\$10 PER FAMILY

(INCLUDES ALL SKATERS AND A PIZZA SUPPER!)



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 our 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

HIS MERCIES

It happens every morning: the car ride to school. Yours may be to school or to work, or maybe you are at the point in life where your morning commute is to your favorite chair. For our family, it's the time on the way to school that we pray together. We get an opportunity to start each day spending time with the One who created us, who loves us, and who sees and hears us. We lift each other up in prayer because the days can be hard, and we are prone to lashing out at others when things don't go our way. We pray for those with whom we will interact: that we will be quick to smile, slow to speak, and ready to listen. We pray for God to give us empathy to see others in their situation. We call grandma and grandpa every morning and go through our "morning pep talk". We remind ourselves to choose joy, that we are not better than anyone else, that we are loved, and that we should show God's love to others.

Oftentimes one of us is sleepy, one of us is grumpy, or one of us is having a hard morning. Adults and kids are prone to those kinds of days. Life isn't easy, and it comes with ups and downs, victories and heart aches. We still take our chance to focus on God. We discuss how yesterday may have been a bad day, how we may be currently struggling with something, or how we may have messed up on something.....

Have you ever stopped to consider the amount of lament in scripture? The book of Psalms, where so many of our worship songs come from contains more songs of lament than of praise. Then there is a book called Lamentations. Entire portions of scripture are comprised of God's people crying out to Him. If the Bible is our guide to who God is and how we should live, then maybe, like so many of the characters in the Bible, it is okay for us to not always be okay. Maybe it is good for us to have others pray for us when it seems hard to pray, to let others in, to not have everything "together".

It happens every morning: we are confronted with a choice. Will we choose to close ourselves off and rely upon our own ability, wealth, and reputation to get us through our day, or will we remember that His mercies are new every day, that He is faithful to forgive us of our sins, and like Hagar in the wilderness, He sees our plight.

Josh Karl, Student and College Pastor

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, May 16

8:45 a.m.....Contemporary Service
 9:45 a.m..... Sunday School
 11:00 a.m..... Traditional Service
 2:00 p.m..... Jr. High Ringers Laser Tag

Monday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 18

10:45 a.m..... Home of Grace
 1:30 p.m.....Art on the Hill Class

Wednesday, May 19

Quiet Night for Children

6:00 p.m.....The Workshop: Students
 6:00 p.m..... Business Meeting
 6:20 p.m..... Adult Ensemble
 7:00 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 20

9:00 a.m.....MAGIC to Semmes Heritage Park
 5:00 p.m..... SHAC End of the Year Party

Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Giving Thanks

May 9, 2021

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$43,764.80
 Received Sunday.....\$56,597.09
 Received to Date.....\$1,127,628.98
 Expenses to Date.....\$977,600.69
 Balance to Date.....\$150,028.29

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.

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



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.

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
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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.

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

THE MESSENGER, (UPS 512-220), IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARDI GRAS, JULY 4, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS).
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Vacation Bible School 2021!

June 6 - 9, 2021

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

Register Online @ www.shbc.cc/register

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)

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR LADIES

A new ladies' Bible study will be on Monday nights 6-8 pm in the SHAC Back Room starting June 21 to August 2. It is Beth Moore's study *Now That Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians*. If anyone needs a book, they should let Judy know by May 17, jcwau84@aol.com.

