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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.

### **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.*

**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 under the portico on the chapel side from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. 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.

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### **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 or 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: (check one)

Yes

No

**CLOSED FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY**



**Church Offices and Activities Center will be closed  
May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.**



**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](http://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 at [www.votenappies.com](http://www.votenappies.com). Encourage your friends and family to vote too!

**Thank you for helping our school by voting!**

# 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!)**



## Mark Your Calendars!

# PARENT SUMMIT 2021

WITH  
**VICKI COURTNEY**

# Saturday, August 28, 2021



### 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 [owoodall@shbc.cc](mailto:owoodall@shbc.cc) or text Olna at (251) 689-7088.**

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

*Matthew 11:28-29*



**THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL**

- Sunday, May 23
  - 8:45 a.m.....Contemporary Service/Special Called Business Meeting
  - 9:30 a.m..... Drive-Through Voting
  - 9:45 a.m..... Sunday School
  - 11:00 a.m..... Traditional Service/Special Called Business Meeting
  - 4:30 p.m..... Spring Hill Singers Organizational Meeting for 10th-12th Grade Past Participants of SHS
- Monday, May 24
  - 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 25
  - 1:30 p.m..... Art on the Hill Class
- Wednesday, May 26
  - 5:30 p.m..... SHBC KIDS Family Picnic
  - 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 27
- Friday, May 28
- Saturday, May 29



**Vacation Bible School 2021!**

June 6 - 9, 2021

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

Register Online @ [www.shbc.cc/register](http://www.shbc.cc/register)

**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](mailto:jcwau84@aol.com).

**Giving Thanks**

May 16, 2021

**STEWARDSHIP**

Forecast Weekly Needs.....	\$43,764.80
Received Sunday.....	\$34,428.95
Received to Date.....	\$1,162,057.93
Expenses to Date.....	\$1,034,709.69
Balance to Date.....	\$127,348.24

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.

**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

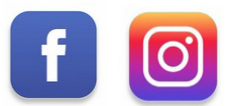


knitters. If you would like to donate yarn, please drop your donations off in the Education Office. For more information and to be a part of this loving ministry contact Yvonne Lawrence 251-421-3049. A box for donations is in the Education Office for your convenience.



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](http://www.shbc.cc/resources) or call the church office, 251-342-5320.

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.

*<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> 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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**AM I FOLLOWING JESUS?**

In the first century, before there were churches and cathedrals, before there were synods and conventions, before there were “house churches” and, yes, before Christ was worshipped in congregations, there were followers of Jesus. These women and men formed groups which became communities of love, sharing possessions equally and practicing the teachings they had received from Christ because they had been transformed by His love. It was for them a whole new way of doing life. It was as if their eyes had been opened to seeing themselves and others in a new way.

Following Jesus was not easy. Following Jesus in His way of living went against the popular culture which had definite expectations and rules about place in society - leaders and servants, adults and children, racial separation, religious separation and gender separation. Even within the religious arena this was practiced, but Christ came and opened up the door for a new way of living based on His authority and His love. Western Christianity has given us the nomenclature to identify Christians, which is good; the word “Christian” means “little Christ”, one who follows, identifies with and acts like Christ. It is more than just worship; it is allowing ourselves to be transformed by interaction with Him and making it a practice to live as He did.

Christ came to establish God’s Kingdom on earth. He came to establish more than an orthodox belief system but to lead us into a servanthood lifestyle establishing love, compassion, peace and justice in an unjust world. This leads to some questions for each of us:

- Am I seeking to follow Christ, or am I simply worshiping Him on Sunday?
- In my life do I seek His kingdom by showing love, compassion, sharing peace and working for justice. (And by the way, justice is a positive act not just an act of retribution.)
- Is my Christianity more than cultural morality?
- Do I read the words of Christ in the Gospels to see what He said and how He treated people?

This is not about doing better or more or about churchmanship. This is about following the One we claim has our allegiance. Just some things we all can consider.

May we truly know Him.

Terry  
ref. Matthew 5-6