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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.



SMASH Performance & Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 25, 2021

Our 1st-6th grade children will present a musical at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They'll share music and more of what

they've learned at SMASH camp. Join

us downstairs in the Dining Hall after the performance for an Ice Cream Social! Call 342-5320 to sign up if you'd like to bring some homemade (or store-bought) ice cream AND serve it during the event.

SHBC FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

5:30-7:30 P.M.

SUNSHINE SKATE CENTER

\$10 PER FAMILY

(INCLUDES ALL SKATERS AND A PIZZA SUPPER!)

SIGN UP ONLINE:

WWW.SHBC.CC/REGISTER

Promotion Sunday!
 August 8, 2021
 Babies through 12th grade
 It's time to move up to the next level!
 Be there!

MUSIC MINISTRY

2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Student Choir Kick-off August 15
- Children's Choir Kick-off August 25
- This Is Christmas Preview August 25

Follow us @SpringHillBaptist
 Facebook & Instagram!



2021 Parent Summit

Saturday, August 28
4:00 - 8:30 PM
SHBC Dining Hall



Spill the Beans

5 Conversations You
Must Have With Your Child

with guest speaker
Vicki Courtney

\$10 per couple
Chick-Fil-A dinner included

FREE childcare provided
for babies through
completed 6th grade

Register online:
www.shbc.cc/register

The Reason We Sing

We love singing in the sanctuary choir! Our personal musical abilities are limited, and sometimes there is a song that is a real challenge to sing. But Randy and Bill and Missy teach us and work with us (God bless them!), and soon we are singing it.

On Maundy Thursday, we sang the song, "Christ We Do All Adore Thee". That is the reason we sing...because we adore Him!

Bruce and Kim Foster



Join us!
Sanctuary Choir

Spring Hill
Baptist Church



Sunday School Leaders Please Join Us In

SCALING NEW HEIGHTS

Sunday School Leadership Appreciation
Dinner & Inspiration

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 5
6-8 P.M.**

Dinner & Childcare Provided
For Sunday School Leadership
of ALL ages

SAVE THE DATE!

MUSIC & MISSIONS

KICK-OFF EVENT!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021

WATCH FOR DETAILS COMING SOON!



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

Deacon Election 2021

How Do I Vote In the Deacon Election

Sunday, August 1?

1. To receive a ballot, you will go to the foyer of the Dining Hall **before** the 8:30 service and the foyer of the Sanctuary **before** the 11:00 service.
2. A sign-in sheet will be available for you to sign your name.
3. Once you have signed your name, a member of the Deacon Election Committee will hand you a ballot.
4. As you leave the 8:30 or 11:00 worship service, you will place your ballot in the white box at the exit doors.
5. There will be 17 people listed on the ballot, you will be asked to circle up to 11 names.



Rene' Beaver



Doug Bridges



Dean Cooper



Jason Crane



Dan Day



David Duval



Bruce Foster



Bob Hanks



Tim Holloway



Don Kennedy



Paul Lewis



Mike McNair



Len Morey



Mike Rice



Mark Roberts



Dale Watts



Max Woodruff

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, July 25

8:45 a.m.....Contemporary Service
 9:45 a.m.....Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.....Traditional Service
 4:30 p.m.....Dinner for SMASH Performers
 6:00 p.m.....SMASH Performance
 6:00 p.m.....Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 26

9:00 a.m.....Art on the Hill Class
 1:00 p.m.....Art on the Hill Class
 6:00 p.m.....Ladies' Bible Study
 6:00 p.m.....High School/College Bible Study (Rice Home)

Tuesday, July 27

1:30 p.m.....Art on the Hill Class

Wednesday, July 28

5:30 p.m.....Children's Ministry: Family Skate Night
 6:00 p.m.....Students' Workshop
 6:00 p.m.....Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, July 29

Friday, July 30

Giving Thanks

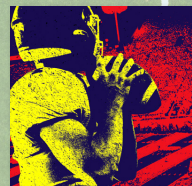
July 18, 2021

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$65,178.25
 Received Sunday.....\$68,595.20
 Received to Date.....\$1,621,546.44
 Expenses to Date.....\$1,467,364.27
 Balance to Date.....\$154,182.17

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.

YOUTH SPORTS AT SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH



Upward Flag Football registration begins NOW for K5-5th Grade. Evaluation dates are to be determined. Practice begins Monday, August 9, 2021 and games begin August 16, 2021 (All practices/games are on Mondays). Cost is \$120 and sign up ends **July 30, 2021**.

Registration for Service Volleyball also begins NOW for K5-4th Grade. Season begins Tuesday, August 10, 2021 (All practices/games are on Tuesdays). Cost is \$100 and sign up ends **July 30, 2021**.

To Register Visit: www.shbc.cc/register

Church Office 342-5320

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**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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CHASING THE WILD GOOSE



The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.
John 3:8

My four-year-old Anne Catchings was immersed in a world known only to her as she sang and talked, moved from place to place, picked

up objects and engaged in conversations quite real to her but unseen by me. Her eyes twinkled; she laughed, danced, ran, and jumped joyfully following the spirit within her. The freedom she had in that period of imaginative play was delightful to watch, and how I wished I could have been in that world with her.

The early Celtic Christians saw the presence of God in nature and compared the leading of the Holy Spirit to chasing the wild goose. The wild goose would arrive and stay for a while then vanish for periods at a time. The goose was loud and unpredictable and sometimes could be frightening with seemingly erratic behavior. Their concept of the Holy Spirit was just as unpredictable as the wild goose, yet the challenge was to follow or “chase” the spirit and lose themselves in the pursuit. In fact, they referred to it as Chasing the Wild Goose. In particular, an order of monks in Iona began to dedicate themselves to that pursuit, learning to listen to God and follow

the Spirit.

As North Americans, we are more conditioned to following the clock, the schedule and being punctual. Instead of chasing the Spirit, we want Him to work within our parameters. It is unsettling for us to follow when one doesn't know the destination, path or outcome. Trusting is difficult. But isn't that what we are called to do? To trust.

Trust comes from being in relationship with someone, having experience with the individual and being confident they have our best interest at heart. That kind of trust takes time. It takes testing. Could it be we don't follow the Spirit because we haven't spent time in relationship with God? Only by spending time with God, following Him in the little things, can we understand the freedom of following Him in the bigger things. Maybe we should consider asking Him to help us in that pursuit. Before we can fully chase the wild goose, we must be willing to trust the One who is leading. Just imagine what could happen if we were to begin to Chase the Wild Goose. Is it possible that we could try? What would it be worth for us? How would we be changed? How could our world be changed?

What would it be like to be lost in following the Spirit, Chasing the Wild Goose? Could we find the same joy that that four-year-old Anne Catchings found?

Let's try it!

I'll see you Sunday,
Terry