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A worshiping family of believers in Jesus Christ committed to understanding,
living and sharing His message of hope for all people.







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The Reason We sing



It is really a challenge to identify a reason I sing because there are so many...I sing because of the blessings, the worship, the fellowship, the love, the message, the beauty and gifts of music, the family of believers who make up the choir, the leadership, the very ministry of music...and the list goes on.

I have sung in a choir since I was a very young child with the exception of about 12 years. There was a huge void in my life during that time. I had a vocal problem. Then I realized that I had to make a decision regarding who I would trust about the problem---the Lord or myself? It was time to stop using excuses and get back where I belonged. Yes it was, and still is, true that my vocal ability is not what it used to be, but the Lord asks me to give Him my best—whatever that might be. After all, the choir isn't made up of soloists. It consists of ordinary people making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

The message of the songs minister to my heart and soul, keeping me focused on what is most important...the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, the work of the Holy Spirit. I pray that the Lord will minister to my own heart so that He might minister through me. After all, I am only a channel for the Lord's message through the songs. It reminds me that how I live daily must match the message I am singing. It calls to my mind—Am I singing for God's glory or for my own good? Psalm 13:6 I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

Join this family of believers who sing, pray, and praise together for His glory!





Deacons 2021 - 2022

The following Deacons were elected to serve for the 2021 - 2022 church year.



Rene' Beaver



Doug Bridges



David Duval



Bob Hanks



Tim Holloway



Don Kennedy



Len Morey



Mike Rice



Mark Roberts



Dale Watts



Max Woodruff

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

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, August 8	
	Promotion Sunday
8:45 a.m	Contemporary Service
9:45 a.m	Sunday School
11:00 a.m	Traditional Service
Monday, August 9	
9:00 a.m	Art on the Hill Class
1:00 p.m	Art on the Hill Class
	Ladies' Bible Study
	High School/College Bible Study (Rice Home)
Tuesday, August 10	
	Prayer Shawl
1:30 p.m	Art on the Hill Class
	Finance Committee Meeting
	Deacons' Meeting
Wednesday, August 11	
-	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, August 12	
Friday, August 13	
Saturday, August 14	

Giving Thanks

August 1, 2021

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs	\$53,205.40
Received Sunday	\$62,734.65
Received to Date	\$1,720,621.05
Expenses to Date	\$1,616,587.15
Ralance to Date	\$104 033 90

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.

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 August 16.** Contact Will, wwright252@aol.com for more information.

Home of Grace for Women

The Home of Grace ministry team will be going to the Home of Grace on **August 17** to offer a good meal, a listening ear and a touch of friendship and fellowship. If you feel led to join us, please call Janice Butler at 634-1566 to get more information.

Church O	ffice 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 HollowayN	linister 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 C	enter 342-5375
Colleen Smith Red	creation/Activities Coordinator

Enrique Castillo Recreation Ministry Assistant

Weekday Preschool Education Office 342-6044

Ashley Johnson Upward Sports Director

In case of emergency over the weekend, you may reach the minister on call at 342-5320.



Our adopted school, Orchard Elementary, needs items for the upcoming school year for students in grades Pre-K (4 years old) through 5th grade. Some immediate needs are: **NEW** unopened packages of underwear for girls and boys. **NEW OR GENTLY USED** solid black or brown belts for girls and boys. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please drop off donations in the Education Office by Sunday, August 15th.

THE MESSENGER, (UPS 512-220), IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARDI GRAS, JULY 4, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS) POSTMASTER: SEND ADTECED, TO FUBLISHED WEEKLT, (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARDI GRAS, JULY 4 POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 2 SOUTH MCGREGOR AVE MOBILE, ALABAMA 36608 PERIODICAL, POSTAGE PAID MOBILE, ALABAMA

ELUSIVE PEACE

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Where is this peace we are promised?

This last week there was little peace. The news of rising COVID numbers and local hospitals filling up from unvaccinated folks due to the Delta variant of the virus renewed the threat. Just as we begin returning to normalcy, we experienced the return of COVID among our membership. Parents are becoming more concerned as students return to school. Worries assail about the economic impact of having to quarantine again. Lack of trust of both sides of the aisle in Congress creates more angst, not to mention the personal issues each of us deal with in our daily lives.

Our brows are furrowed, our minds distracted and our hearts heavy. We come into church hoping to find solace, but alas we are all broken here as well. Is there no place to find the peace Christ promised? Why is it so elusive?

Could it be our lack of faith? Sometimes I wonder just what faith is. These are some synonyms for faith: acceptance, belief, confidence, conviction and hope. Personally, I like the word confidence. This leads to the question: Do I have confidence in Christ's words? After all, what is confidence?

When I sit in my office chair, I have confidence from experience that it will hold me up. When I board a plane, I have confidence that the pilot is competent to get me safely to my destination. We practice faith every day in so many ways, but we frequently are hesitant to practice the same faith in what Christ said.

In trusting anything, the first step is almost always tenuous, but once we become more familiar with something, the trust is easier and easier until it becomes second nature. Do you think it might work that way with trusting Christ for His peace? Please understand, I am writing to myself in this first. He has asked us to follow, to trust, yet we (I) still hesitate, question and fear.

Maybe if we practice going to Him, offering our lack of faith, our fear, and begin to breath and loosen our grip on the controls, we will gradually learn better how to know this peace He promises. It is a daily effort.

Isn't it funny, that we resist confidence in the One who created us and our magnificent universe?

I'll see you Sunday,

Terry