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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.



Please join us as we serve the women at McKemie Place on **Thursday, November 4**. Bring your favorite salad, side dish or dessert to add to our fried chicken dinner to the Activities Center parking lot by 5:30 p.m. Your good food, your prayers and other expressions of God's grace mean so much!



You are Invited

Please join us on Sunday, November 7 for a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. honoring Dr. Jerry Gunnells with the title *Pastor Emeritus*

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last.

1 SHOEBOX

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



4 PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



2 "WOW" ITEM

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



5 DONATE \$9 PER BOX

A donation of \$9 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



3 OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



6 DROP OFF

Drop off your shoebox in the Education Office by **Sunday, November 14**. We will pray over our boxes in both services on November 14.



samaritanaspurse.org/occ

View solicitation disclosure information for Samaritan's Purse online at samaritanaspurse.org/disclosure

Boxes and brochures will be distributed in the Welcome Center, Dining Hall Foyer & the Sanctuary exit near Moorer Library

THE MOBILE BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL WMU
 PRESENT THE 2021



BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
 DAY of PRAYER



**THURSDAY,
 NOVEMBER 4, 2021
 10:00 a.m.**

**9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION
 & REFRESHMENTS**

Spring Hill Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
 2 South McGregor Avenue, Mobile, 36608

Guest Speaker: **Esther**

SHBC Members who would like to attend please RSVP to the Church Office, 342-5320, or email, bklees@shbc.cc.



COURAGEOUS LIFE!
 HEBREWS 13:6



RA RACERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 12 NOON
SHAC GYM

Cost is \$10 per family and includes pizza/salad lunch
1st-3rd Grade: Please bring 2 2-liter drinks
4th-6th Grade: Please bring a dessert
Sign up by emailing Erica, eholloway@shbc.cc
\$10 will be collected at the event
The whole family is invited!!

FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Church members, you should have received an email survey which will ask some pertinent questions about our search for a pastor. Please give prayerful consideration to your answers. To those without an email address a survey has been mailed. In the event that you receive the electronic and the paper survey, please answer only one. If you do not see the email in your inbox, please check your spam/junk folder. **If you did not receive an email with the survey link or a paper survey, please call the church office.** The deadline for the survey is November 7, 2021. We appreciate your input.

Thank you.

DEACON ELECTION III

A deacon nomination will be held October 31, 2021, with a vote to follow November 14, 2021, to replace the eleven deacons that were serving for the term ending December 2024.

Those who are elected will be presented to serve the remaining portion of 2021 through December 2021.

List of Active and Life Deacons (Not Eligible for Nomination)

Jimmy Arendall
Erk Ashbee
Rene' Beaver
Billy Bedsole
Steve Bethea
Wayne Brannon*
Doug Bridges
Scott Browning
Ken Burroughs*
Bobby Butler
Billy Cassady
Mark Colicchio
Dean Cooper
Jason Crane
Jody Crane
Wallace Davis
Dan Day
David Duval
Bruce Foster
George Gaston
Brent Greenwald
Bob Grube

Ray Hammock
Bob Hanks
Dick Havron*
Kerry Hegwood
Gene Hendrix
Ron Hodges
Tim Holloway
Bob Huey
Ashley Johnson
Don Kennedy
Ed Kennedy*
Harold Kirkland*
Forrest Latta
Paul Lewis
Allan Maples
Tremaine Martin
Todd Meadows
Mike Montgomery
Len Morey
Baron Morvant
Jim Murrill
Matt Pastorcich

Eric Patterson
John Powell
Michael Rather
Mike Rice
Mark Roberts
Fred Roe
Kirk Shaw*
Michael Sherman
Eddie Smith
Ronnie Stringfellow
Bob Summer
Philip Travis
Dale Watts
Craig Williams
Norman Williams
Bob Woodall
Max Woodruff
Will Wright*

* denotes life deacon

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA OF
SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENT

This Is Christmas
featuring

ROMAN STREET

DECEMBER 11 - 4:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 12 - 4:00 P.M.

TICKETS

AVAILABLE TO CHURCH MEMBERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 28 & DECEMBER 5

BEFORE & AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL & FOLLOWING 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 & DECEMBER 8

DINING HALL FOYER 5:15 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.

AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY & SHBC MEMBERS

THIS IS CHRISTMAS TICKET OFFICE

DECEMBER 3 - 10

WEEKDAYS 12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

TICKET OFFICE PHONE 251-652-1037

ORDER TICKETS ONLINE AT SHBC.CC
DECEMBER 2-8

We need your help!



We are in need of volunteers to help take up money on Wednesday evenings.

2 shifts available: 4:45-5:30 and 5:30-6:15

Two people needed for each shift.

FREE DINNER for each person every time they work!

If you'd like to help, please contact Sophie Woodruff at 342-5320 or email swoodruff@shbc.cc.

Follow us @SpringHillBaptist
Facebook & Instagram!



CHURCH BUDGET MEETINGS

It is budget time. The following is the timeline set by the Finance Committee for the church family to review the proposed budget:

October 31

Committee members will present a budget review to the Sunday School Departments.

November 3 (Wednesday evening)

Question and Answer Session

November 10 (Wednesday evening)

Question and Answer Session

November 14 (Sunday morning)

Congregation votes on the budget in both services

Dear Spring Hill Family,

Our church has been blessed to have Gretchen Crane serve as Communications Coordinator. Gretchen has kept the church family informed by managing our social media and assisting the programs by providing graphic art. But God has ways of sharing His workers. Gretchen has answered a call from the Salvation Army to lead in their development program. Although Gretchen will be working with the Salvation Army, she will continue to share her musical and other talents with us as a member of the Spring Hill Family. In addition she has graciously committed to help with the church's communication needs until a replacement is located.

Please join me in wishing Gretchen the best in her new ministry.

Paul

THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, October 31

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
 3:00 p.m. Strike Point Ringers
 3:15 p.m. Spring Hill Singers
 4:00 p.m. Men's TIC Section Rehearsal

Monday, November 1

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

Tuesday, November 2

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl
 1:30 p.m. Art on the Hill

Wednesday, November 3

4:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
 5:30 p.m. Music and Missions
 5:30 p.m. Students: The Workshop
 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study/Budget Q & A
 6:15 p.m. Adult Ensemble
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 4

9:15 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study: "Bad Girls of the Bible"
 10:00 a.m. Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer: Esther
 5:30 p.m. Serve at McKemie Place

Friday, November 5

Saturday, November 6

Art on the Hill

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

Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
 Tuesdays at 1:30 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

Giving Thanks

October 24, 2021

STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....\$49,141.60
 Received Sunday.....\$42,765.68
 Received to Date.....\$2,322,659.04
 Expenses to Date.....\$2,243,605.87
 Balance to Date.....\$79,053.17

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.

Spring Hill Baptist Church

BUS MINISTRY

We have recently acquired new church buses and need drivers! If you'd like to be a part of this exciting ministry at SHBC, please contact the church office, 342-5320, or register online: www.shbc.cc/register.



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

Church Office 342-5320

Dr. Rob Jackson Interim Pastor
Rev. Terry Richey Associate Pastor
Dr. Paul McLendon Interim Administrator
Rev. Randy Grim Minister of Music
Josh Karl Student & College Pastor
Erica Holloway Minister to Children & Families
Rev. Bill Taylor Asst. Minister of Music
Mark Roberts Contemporary Worship Leader
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

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

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 7

We will have one worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Sunday School will start at 9:15 a.m.

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WE LAUGHED, WE SANG

Recently I spent time with folks who are dedicated followers of Christ. They are involved in their churches and love their fellowship. Unfortunately, though it seemed as if everything in their life had a negative slant, from their health, their church, to their neighbors and even their families. It was somewhat depressing and confusing. These are great people who love Christ, but what seems to be the problem? As I ruminated about this, I began to think about my own conversations. So often it is about the negative - the terrible, horrible, bad things that are happening around me and in my life.

Life is challenging for everyone at some point. Weeds grow up among the fruit and vegetables. Thorns are a part of roses and blackberries. Stuff happens to us no matter our rank, our goodness, our faithfulness or our bank accounts. Yes, life can be hard.

But there are blessings - beautiful sunrises, quiet times with our spouse reading together, the laughter of children and grandchildren, the joy of good friends. There is often good news, sunny days, encouraging reports, evenings around the firepit with friends, good food, desserts and drink, joyful engagement with strangers in the marketplace. These are joyful moments that we can embrace and be grateful for.

In Psalm 126, we read:

*It seemed like a dream too grand to be true
When God returned to Zion's exiles.*

*We laughed, we sang,
We couldn't believe our good fortune.
We were the talk of the nations—
"GOD was wonderful to us;
We are one happy people.
And now, GOD do it again—
Bring rains to our drought-stricken lives
So those who planted their crops in despair
Will shout hurrahs at the harvest,
So those who went off with heavy hearts
Will come home laughing, with armloads of blessings.*

We tend to forget that God is in control and that His promise is that we will know His blessing. This is not a "pie in the sky" existence, but it is a promise of hope for the future and a promise of His presence in the present.

Let us remain joyfully hopeful as we live our life, knowing that the King of the Universe is our hope.

I'll see you Sunday as we live in joyful hope together.

Terry