

**Church Office 342-5320**  
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 Erica Holloway ..... Minister to Children & Families  
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 Debbie Rice ..... Children's Music Coordinator  
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**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.

*A new command I give you: Love one another.  
 As I have loved you, so you must love one another.  
 John 13:34*

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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.

**ALWAYS CHRISTMAS**

I have always been one to have a very high expectation of the Christmas season. It wasn't so much about the gifts but about the season itself. My childhood in the 60's was filled with Hallmark Hall of Fame classics sponsored by delicious Kraft recipes. We drove around town regularly to see the Christmas lights. Christmas songs blared from fronts of stores downtown. Christmas parades were on the agenda. There was the annual trip to Goldsmiths in Memphis where we walked through the enchanted forest and at the end visited Santa. Family gathered at one another's homes for meals. There were cedar trees, aluminum trees, color wheels, rotating tree stands that played Silent Night. There were prayers and wishes for snow (which rarely happened). The anticipation for Christmas morning was almost unbearable and usually I received what I had requested. Then, the 26th came. Christmas was over. No more anticipation, nothing left to look forward to except having to go back to school too soon and routine life. If it had snowed, it soon became brown slush. Decorations were readily boxed and returned to their storage. The lights were gone.

*The people who walked in darkness  
 Have seen a great light;  
 Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,  
 Upon them a light has shined. Matthew 4:16*

Oh if we could only grasp that the light has truly come. That every day Christ is present and He has brought more fulfillment than we could ever conjure up with the physical elements of the Christmas celebration.

As we pass the light of the candle at our Christmas eve service, let us remember it is more than symbolic. We as Christ followers have the light. Let us keep it aflame and pass it to others in the way described below.

**THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS**  
 by Howard Therman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 When the star in the sky is gone,  
 When the kings and princes are home,  
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
 The work of Christmas begins:  
 To find the lost, heal the broken, feed the hungry, release the prisoner,  
 rebuild the nations, bring peace among brothers,  
 to make music from the heart.*

May we truly follow this Christ of Christmas and work to do justice, to love, to show mercy, and to humbly walk with our God.

Merry Christmas!  
 Terry

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH MOBILE, ALABAMA

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
 5:00 P.M.

*Carols and Candlelight*

**Christmas @ The SHAC**

Christmas at The SHAC is back! Bring your family and friends for a night of fun and fellowship at the Activities Center at 5:30 p.m. on December 20th. Christmas cookies will be provided to decorate, and hot chocolate will be served for all who attend!

*Holiday Hours*

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**  
 The Church Offices and Activities Center will be closed Thursday, December 23, and Friday, December 24.

**NEW YEARS HOLIDAY**  
 The Church Offices and Activities Center will close at noon on Thursday, December 30, and will also be closed Friday, December 31.

**We hope you have a Merry Christmas!**

We will gather together for **one worship service** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 26.**

There will be **no Sunday school.**

**We look forward to worshipping with you!**

# 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](mailto:corkygoldman@gmail.com)

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### 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 Monday, December 20.**  
Contact Will Wright at  
[wwright252@aol.com](mailto: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 Tuesday, December 21** 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.

## 2022 Parent Summit

Saturday, January 29  
4:30 - 8:30 PM  
SHBC Dining Hall

**Spill the Beans:**  
5 Conversations You Must  
Have With Your Child

\$10 per couple (Chick-Fil-A dinner included)  
FREE childcare provided for babies  
through completed 6th grade

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

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## Women's Bible Studies



Elijah: Faith and Fire, by Priscilla Shirer (7-week study)  
Thursday, January 13th - February 24th  
9:15 - 11:15 a.m. in the Backroom of the SHAC

If you plan to attend, please order your  
study book (\$18.35) from Carol Williams,  
251-604-4082 or [ccec4@comcast.net](mailto:ccec4@comcast.net)

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT JEN WILKIN



JOIN US FOR A  
9-SESSION STUDY

The Sermon on the Mount (9-week study)  
Monday, January 17th - March 14th  
6:00 p.m. in the Backroom of the SHAC

If you plan to attend, please order your  
study book (\$18.00) from Judy Wesson,  
251-423-5402 or [jewau84@aol.com](mailto:jewau84@aol.com)



Congratulations!

children's  
**honor**  
choir



Millie Benton  
Toby Bethea  
Anna Grace Crane  
Sabine Downing  
Cameron Gaston  
Evie Karl  
Cameron Stinson  
Mary Mac Roberts

These children auditioned and were chosen to participate  
with others from around the state. They will represent  
SHBC in the 2022 Honor Choir by performing at concerts  
in Tuscaloosa in March. Please pray for them as they learn,  
rehearse, and share their music.



### THANKSGIVING BAGS OF LOV

Thank you Spring Hill Family for your generous  
donations to our Bags of LOV ministry! We were able  
to fill bags of groceries for 51 families to help them  
prepare a Thanksgiving meal and other meals during  
the holidays. Each family also received a pie and a  
package of rolls! A BIG thank you to the volunteers  
who helped to pack the bags at 7:00 a.m.! You have  
blessed so many families! Thank you!

# CALLED

Coming  
in February!  
A Dinner Theater Musical  
presented by  
2nd-6th grade choirs

More info soon!

## THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 19  
8:45 a.m. .... Contemporary Service  
9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Traditional Service

Monday, December 20  
8:30 a.m. .... Waterfront Rescue Mission  
9:00 a.m. .... Art on the Hill  
1:00 p.m. .... Art on the Hill  
6:00 p.m. .... Christmas at the SHAC

Tuesday, December 21  
10:30 a.m. .... Home of Grace  
1:30 p.m. .... Art on the Hill

Wednesday, December 22  
No Wednesday evening activities

Thursday, December 23  
The Church Offices and Activities Center are closed

Friday, December 24  
The Church Offices and Activities Center are closed  
5:00 p.m. .... Carols and Candlelight

Saturday, December 25

Sunday, December 26  
10:00 a.m. .... Worship Service in the Sanctuary

## Giving Thanks

December 12, 2021

### STEWARDSHIP

Forecast Weekly Needs.....	131,060.00
Received Sunday.....	84,577.17
Received to Date.....	2,741,599.59
Expenses to Date.....	2,695,331.40
Balance to Date.....	46,268.19

### LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Goal.....	25,000.00
Given to Date.....	15,018.50

### THIS IS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Amount.....	9,716.13
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You may give online ([shbc.cc](http://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.

## YEAR END GIVING

The Finance Office is here to serve you as we approach the  
end of the year. All gifts must be postmarked by Friday,  
December 31 in order to go towards your 2021 giving  
record. You may bring your contributions to the office prior  
to noon on Thursday, December 30. All gifts received by  
December 31 will be posted for the 2021 year. If you are  
giving appreciated assets, please let the Finance Office know  
of those gifts. Please contact **Denise Marsh** at 342-5320.