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Dr. Paul McLendon Interim Administrator	
Rev. Randy Grim Minister of Music	
Josh Karl Student & College Pastor	~
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Denise MarshFinancial Manager	
Debbie Rice Children's Music Coordinator	
Missy Powell Pianist	

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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. *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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## 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

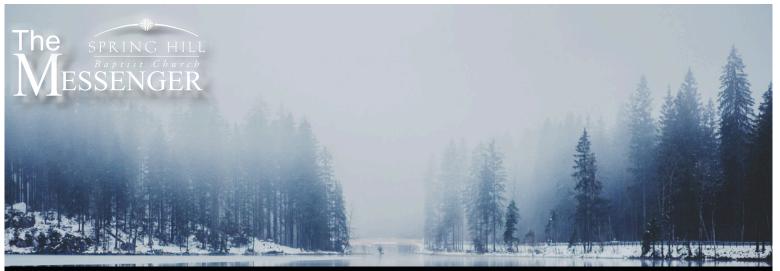
When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost heal the broken feed the hund

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.

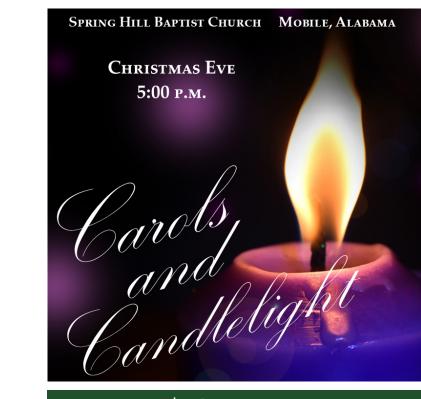
May we truly follow this Christ of Christmas and work to do justice, to love, to show mercy, and to humbly walk with our God.

Merry Christmas!

Terry



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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! Joliday Hours.

Mobile, Alabama

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 worshiping 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

# **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 <u>wwright252@aol.com</u> 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.



<u>22 Parent Summit</u>

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

Spill the Beans: 5 Conversations You Mus Have With Your Chi

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

Register online: www.shbe.cc/register

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



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 jcwau84@aol.com



**Congratulations!** children's honor choir

Millie Benton **Toby Bethea** Anna Grace Crane Cameron Stinson Sabine Downing

**Cameron Gaston** Evie Karl 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!



## THIS WEEK AT SPRING HILL

Sunday, December 19 8:45 a.mContemporary Service
9:45 a.mSunday School
11:00 a.m Traditional Service
Monday, December 20
8:30 a.m
9:00 a.m Art on the Hill
1:00 p.m Art on the Hill
6:00 p.mChristmas at the SHAC
Tuesday, December 21
10:30 a.m Home of Grace
1:30 p.mArt on the Hill
Wednesday, December 22
No Wednesday evening activities
Thursday, December 23
The Church Offices and Activities Center are closed
Friday, December 24
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5:00 p.mCarols and Candlelight
Saturday, December 25
Sunday, December 26
10:00 a.m. Worshin Service in the Sanctuary
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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.