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Letter from Rob Hatfield
Spring Hill Baptist Church

I heard one word used over and over throughout the weekend to describe what people experienced through a variety of means - “wow.” I heard it used as people entered our parking lots which had just been repaved and remarked, “Wow, this is nice!” I heard it again as individuals and families walked toward our grand entrance for the first time, stood inside the new tower and looked up, “Wow, this is exquisite! I love our entrance, and look how it ties everything together on our campus!” I heard it as folks entered our sanctuary for the first time, reached for their phones



to take a picture and exclaimed, “Wow, this place is amazing and beautiful!” I heard it when the door to the baptistry opened and the Living Masterpieces were seen for the first time, “Wow, are those real people up there?” I heard it when the orchestra finished playing the first song, as the choir entered the loft “Wow, they are good!” And then as the choir sang song after song the sentence descriptions stopped, and the responses were reduced to one word exclamations whispered as we were awestruck in worship again and again - “Wow, wow, wow!”

I am so thankful to be the pastor of a congregation where the word “wow” is used of the work of our church. We must say a word of thank you to the myriad of volunteers and staff who gladly worked behind the scenes, beside the scenes, inside the scenes, and in front of the scenes during this weekend. Thank you to our Renovation Oversight Committee who worked for years with these “wow moments” in mind helping our campus to be all that it can be. We are so blessed by your commitment to excellence and attention to detail. Thank you to our parking lot attendants, nursery attendants, and

ushers who worked behind the scenes to provide for each person’s needs so that everyone can prepare their hearts for worship once they come on campus. Thank you to our maintenance, housekeeping and food preparation team who were working hard to provide for our volunteers and to make sure everything was in pristine condition for worship. Thank you to our “living masterpiece” team that worked creating scenes that connected to worship and were visually stunning. Thank you to our sound/lighting team whose hard work enabled a message of Christmas to be heard and seen with clarity. Thank you to our choir, orchestra, and soloists who worked to master music that beautifully pierced hearts and pointed to Christ. Thank you, finally, to our music ministry staff who worked tirelessly to make sure every detail was perfect and pointed to our Lord and Savior Jesus. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation!

Our church’s work to love God, love one another, and love the world will never be fully completed on this side of eternity. So while there are still many opportunities for us to work on in the days ahead so that we have even more “wow” moments, there is also a great need to pause from the work of the Kingdom to embrace God’s Kingdom work for us demonstrated at Christmas. This will be our last newsletter for 2017, so I pray the Lord’s richest blessings on you and yours during this Christmas season as you focus on Jesus and the beautiful gift God gave to us through Him. I pray also your times with family will be delightful opportunities to celebrate God’s richest gift to us and will serve to remind your heart of the incredible bond of love we have with family. I look forward to continuing to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas with you in the days ahead. Please remember our Christmas Eve worship schedule is altered to have one worship service in our sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. and our Candlelight Service at 5:00 p.m.

THIS Sunday-Christmas Eve, December 24...

10:30 a.m. - One Worship Service - Sanctuary
No Sunday School - Normal Sunday schedule to resume
Sunday, January 7, 2018
5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Carols & Candlelight Service -
Sanctuary

NEXT Sunday-New Year’s Eve, December 31...

8:45 a.m. - Contemporary Worship - Dining Hall
9:45 a.m. - Brunch - Dining Hall - (Menu: Grits, ham biscuits, bacon cheddar
scones, mini quiches, mini cinimon rolls and donut holes)
No Sunday School



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention partners with churches like Spring Hill to support numerous missionary teams who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God. More than 4,800 people groups (close to 1 billion people) still live with little or no access to the Gospel. Each year, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides more than 50 percent of the funds to keep our missionary force in the field. During this Christmas season, please consider supporting our missionaries with a financial gift to the Lottie Moon offering.

SPRING HILL GOAL: \$26,000
GIVEN-TO-DATE: \$17,745



COMING IN JANUARY 2018...

Wednesday, January 3	<i>Wednesday night activities resume normal schedule</i> <i>Deacon Ordination</i> in Prayer Meeting at 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 7	<i>Resume Sunday morning schedule: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. worship services - Observance of the Lord's Supper</i>
Saturday, January 13	<i>Parent Summit</i>
Sunday, January 21	<i>Deacon Training</i>
Friday-Sunday, January 26-28	<i>Family Ties - Grades 7-12</i>

Thank you to all who joined us for our This Is Christmas presentations. We owe a debt of gratitude to the choir members, orchestra, soloists, music staff and the numerous committee members that made this such a beautiful worship experience. Let us remember that this only begins the *work of Christmas*. What an amazing catalyst for purposeful and intentional worship during Christmas!



SHBC PARENT SUMMIT
DATE: JANUARY 13, 2018
SPEAKERS: DAVID THOMAS & SISSY GOFF

Who should attend? Parents of Infants through High School Seniors

Childcare Provided FREE OF CHARGE.

4:30 p.m. – Opening in the Dining Hall

5:00 p.m. – Break-Out Sessions

- *Taming the Technology Monster (Dining Hall)*
- *How to Talk to Kids About Sex (Choir Suite)*

6:15 p.m. – Chick-Fil-A Dinner in the Dining Hall

6:45 p.m. – General Session in the Dining Hall

David & Sissy will be speaking in both Worship Services on Sunday, January 14. Registration available online, shbc.cc/ministries/children, or in the Education Office.

2018 Mission Trip Opportunities

July 1-12 - Brazil - Contact Eddie Smith, 251-209-9692 to sign up or for more information

August 25-31 - Haiti - Contact Barbara Gladney, 205-937-1977 to sign up or for more information

Contributions Accepted through December 31

As the year comes to a close, remember that you can give your tithes and offerings right up to the end of the year. For your convenience, the Church Office will be open on Sunday, December 31, until 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to get your contribution to the church by 1:00 p.m., or have it post-marked by midnight, December 31, please call 342-5320 and we will assist you in any way that we can. Please remember that 2017 contributions must be received by the church or postmarked no later than midnight, December 31, 2017. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to God's ministries through Spring Hill Baptist Church in 2017.

Make your 2017 Contribution to Spring Hill Baptist Church in any of the following ways:

- Regular offering envelopes during the December worship services.
 - Online: By 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at www.shbc.cc/give.
 - Mail: Postmarked by December 31, 2017 or before to SHBC, 2 South McGregor Ave., Mobile, AL 36608.
 - In person at the Spring Hill Baptist Church Finance Office.
- Questions? Contact Denise Marsh at 342-5320 or dmarsh@shbc.cc.

NOTICE: Contributions received on January 1, 2018 or later (not post-marked December 31, 2017) will be credited for 2018 regardless of the check date.

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR 2018

Have you started on your list of New Year's resolutions? Make one of your resolutions be to read the Bible through in 2018. Each week we will publish in The Messenger and Sunday Worship Guide a schedule that you can follow throughout 2018 to read the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This schedule will guide you to read the books of the Bible as they were written historically, according to the estimated date of their writing. You basically would read three chapters a day. Sound simple? The 2018 reading plan is available throughout the entrances to the Sanctuary and at www.shbc.cc.



Below is week 1, January 1-6, 2018:

January 1: Genesis 1-3
 January 2: Genesis 4-7
 January 3: Genesis 8-11
 January 4: Genesis 12-15
 January 5: Genesis 16-18
 January 6: Genesis 19-21

Welcome
New Member!

Katie Price
by Profession of Faith



SHBC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24

10:30 a.m. Christmas Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Carols & Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Church Offices and Activities Center Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, December 28

Friday, December 29

Church Offices and Activities Center Close at Noon

Saturday, December 30

Activities Center Closed

Giving Thanks

December 17, 2017

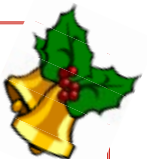
STEWARDSHIP

Budget Receipts.....152,390.68
 Restricted Giving 5,760.00
 Lottie Moon Offering...5,760.00
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 Total..... 173,215.61
 Needs to Date..... 3,080,116.00
 Given to Date..... 3,063,014.55

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults.....286
 Young Adults.....81
 Youth39
 Preteen29
 Children51
 Preschool.....63
 Sub-total549
 OFF CAMPUS CLASSES
 Gordon Oaks7
 GRAND TOTAL556

SHBC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



CHURCH OFFICES & ACTIVITIES CENTER CLOSED

Friday, December 22 through Monday, December 25

No SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 24 - only one Worship Service in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

CAROLS & CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

No WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

December 27

CHURCH OFFICES & ACTIVITIES CENTER CLOSED

12:00 noon Friday, December 29

No SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 31

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship New Year's Eve Brunch between worship services

Family Ties 2018

Priorities

January 26-28, 2018

For 7th - 12th Grade Students

Cost: \$60 (increases to \$75 after Jan. 7)

Registration Deadline: Sunday, January 21, 2018

For questions or to register, visit shbc.cc/minis-ties/students or call
342-5320

Participant Meeting:

Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Back Room of the Activities Center

THE CHURCH STAFF

Church Office 342-5320

Dr. Rob Hatfield Pastor
Bob Gladney Executive Pastor
Terry Richey Associate Pastor
Randy Grim Minister of Music
Erica Holloway Minister to Children & Families
Bill Taylor Asst. Minister of Music
Debbie Rice Children's Music Coordinator
Missy Powell Pianist

Activities Center 342-5375

Colleen Smith ... Recreation/Activities Coordinator
Matt Jordan Recreation Ministry Assistant
Ashley Johnson Upward Sports Director

Weekday Preschool Education Office
342-6044



*Train up a child in
the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not
depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*

Extended Session for week of December 24, 2017

Preschool A: John & Pam Adams

Preschool B: Tony & Ann Bowers

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