



# Spring Hill Messenger

July 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this month's newsletter, I am in Milwaukee serving as a commissioner to the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It is both an incredible privilege and a profound responsibility to represent our congregation and the Presbytery of South Alabama as commissioners from across the country gather to discern God's movement in the life of the Church. Before coming, I knew there would be long days, difficult decisions, and important debates. What I didn't fully anticipate was the overwhelming joy.

It would be easy to become overwhelmed by the work before us. Like every congregation, our denomination faces challenges. There are difficult questions to answer and hard decisions to make. Yet what has struck me most is not the weight of those responsibilities, but the hope that fills the room. There is a genuine belief that God is still speaking, that the Holy Spirit is still moving, and that if we listen carefully to one another, God can lead us toward something beautiful.

The theme of this year's General Assembly is "**Persevering Toward Wholeness**," inspired by Revelation 22:1–5. In John's vision of God's coming kingdom, the river of the water of life flows from the throne of God, and on either side stands the Tree of Life, whose leaves are "for the healing of the nations."

One of the preachers this week said that we all begin with an ending in mind. We know that Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Yet the journey between those two points is almost never what we expect. Along the way we encounter joy and disappointment, certainty and doubt, unity and disagreement. Yet standing in the middle of it all is the Tree of Life.

Its roots reach deep into God's grace. Its branches stretch across both sides of the river, holding together what often feels divided. It gathers our fears and our hopes, our wounds and our dreams, our questions and our faith, and reminds us that God's work is always one of reconciliation and renewal.

I couldn't help but think about Spring Hill Presbyterian Church.

Over the past year, we have spent much time asking where we are meeting Jesus on the road and how God is calling us to grow as disciples. We have reflected, listened, worshiped, served, and dreamed together. We have begun imagining what God is calling this congregation to become for the sake of Mobile and the surrounding communities.

Being here has reminded me that we are not simply maintaining a church. We are participating in God's healing of the world.

Every act of kindness.

Every shared meal.

Every prayer offered.

Every child nurtured in faith.

Every visitor welcomed.

Every hand extended in compassion.

These are leaves from the Tree of Life.

They become signs of God's healing in a world longing for hope.

That is what excites me about being Presbyterian in 2026. We are a people who believe that God is still speaking, still reforming the Church, and still calling ordinary people to extraordinary acts of grace.

My prayer is that Spring Hill Presbyterian Church will continue to embrace that calling with courage and humility. That we will trust the Spirit enough to follow where Christ leads. And that together we will become a community whose life bears witness to God's healing love.

For we are God's beloved children.

And we have been planted beside the river of life for the healing of the nations.

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Brandon E. Miles

## Our Support Singers

We are so very fortunate to have a dedicated and talented choir. We are also quite fortunate to have support singers to assist them in their work. These fine young people are primarily students or recent graduates of USA and are very dedicated in their attendance and participation. They are truly essential to our ongoing ability to lead worship and we are grateful to have them.



Occasionally I am asked about how they come to us and how they are supported financially. Those who are interested in singing audition for me to demonstrate their ability to read music and the “color” of their voice so that I can make certain that they will fit well into the ensemble. The longest serving singer has been with us for many years, first as a volunteer participant in the children and youth choirs and later as a paid support singer. The most recent came to us in May.

Each support singer receives a set fee for each rehearsal and each worship service in which they participate. The money for the six positions currently comes from designated funds and not from the church budget. As long as we don’t use the funds for other purposes, the designated funds can maintain these positions for about a year, but they are not bottomless and need to be replenished on a regular basis.

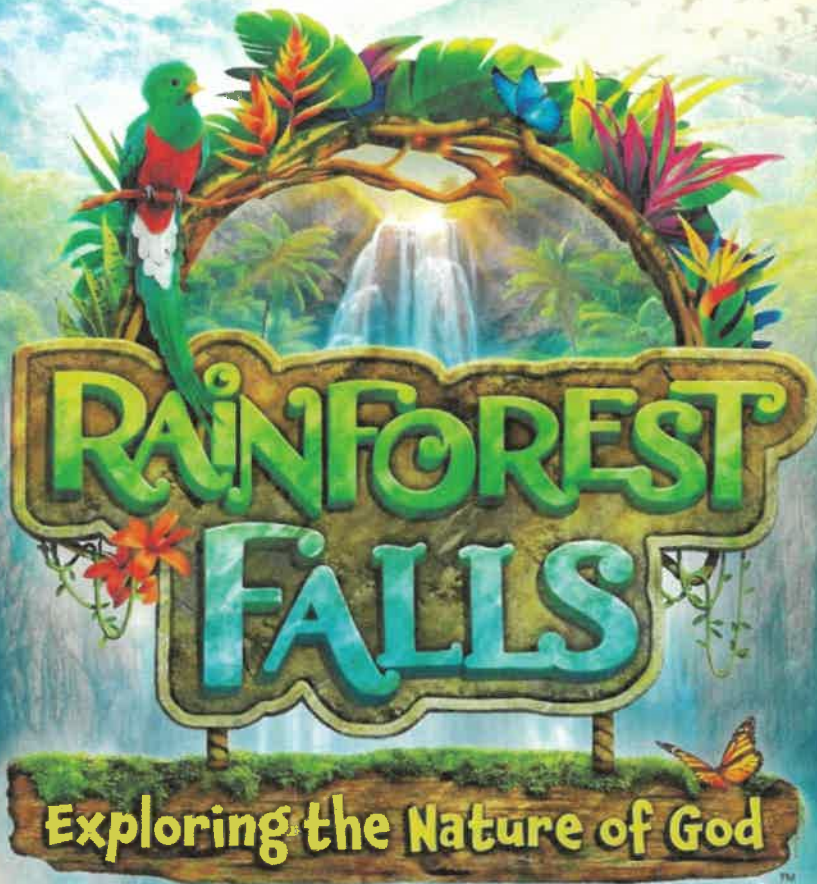
Donations to the designated music funds are always welcome and ensure that we can continue our legacy of providing support for the choir. It is also possible to “adopt” a singer position by providing partial or complete monthly support. Of course, these funds would be in addition to pledges to the church budget. If you have an interest in directly funding a position at any level on a regular basis, please contact me. I would very much like to talk to you about how best to do that.

[musicdirector@shpc.us](mailto:musicdirector@shpc.us)

The choir is off for the month of July but will return in August. In the meantime, we will have some wonderful soloists. I know you’ll want to let them know how appreciated they are!

John

**Join Us for VBS!**



**at Spring Hill  
Presbyterian Church**

**July 20th-23rd**



# Memorials

*Katherine Korb*

*Molly Lankford*

*James Martin*

*Jane Williamson*

*Ann Wilson*

Hilda Gewin

Sam Strada

Hal & Lynn Daughtry

Presbyterian Women

Thomas Engineering

John & Nancy Galanos

Robison McLure Jr

Abram & Carolyn Philips

Southern Earth Science

Forrest & Katherine Latta

Brian & Caroline McCarthy

Doretha & Steve Gilmore

Amelia Gilmore Walker



**The Balance Group** invites you to join us for balance, stretches and movement, in and fellowship. Every Monday at 10 am they meet in Fellowship Hall. We finish before 11 am. and it's fun!

All are welcome!

<b>Statement as of May 31, 2026</b>		
Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$	781,160
Year-to-date Received	\$	326,788
Other Receipts	\$	50,541
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>377,329</b>
Benevolences	\$	-
Salaries and Services	\$	167,251
Programs	\$	27,440
Office Expenses	\$	9,850
General and Plant Services	\$	87,688
Other	\$	30,212
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>322,441</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over (under )Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>54,888</b>

**Attendance for June**

	<b>In person</b>	<b>Online</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>55</b>



"Each species is a masterpiece, a creation assembled with extreme care and genius."

-E. O. Wilson

**Newsletter Deadline August 16.**



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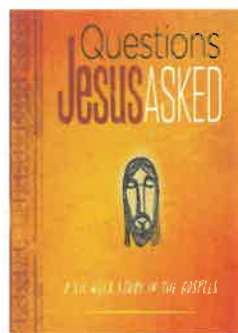
**Men's Breakfast**

Thursday July 9

7:00 AM -

Conference Room

Join us for breakfast and Bible study. This month we will be studying chapter 6.



**Prayer List:**

Margaret Armentrout, Ted Auttersen, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, Frank Callahan, John Carr, Lanier Cauley, Janet Clarke, Jamie Crawford, Pat Edington, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Franks, Missy Foose, Ann Hafner, Bill Harris, Marcy Harris, Mary Holley, Sue Jardine, Bill Layfield, Sara Long, Gorden Korb, Lynn Martin, Ernestine McElroy, Zachary McMickens, Anne Meador, Dianne Oveson, Jenny Overson, Mary Owen, Steve Reams, Susan Schlichting, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Malcolm Warren, Clavin Weaver, Bruce Weirard, Ann Wilson, Andy Wharton, Ronnie Wright

And our military members:  
Ashton Rubio and Stuart Rubio

# July 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
				Westminster Communion Service		Happy 4th of July
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bible Discov- ery Class  Worship	<b>The Church Office is Closed</b>	Outreach Committee  Worship Committee		Men's Breakfast Bible Study		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5 Bible Discov- ery Class  Worship	Balance Group	Staff Meeting	Congregational Care Meeting	Newsletter Deadline		
				-----Middle School Montreat Trip -----		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bible Discov- ery Class  Worship Spring Hill Sunday	Balance Group	Session Diaconate				
			-----VBS -----			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
5 Bible Discov- ery Class  Worship	Balance Group					