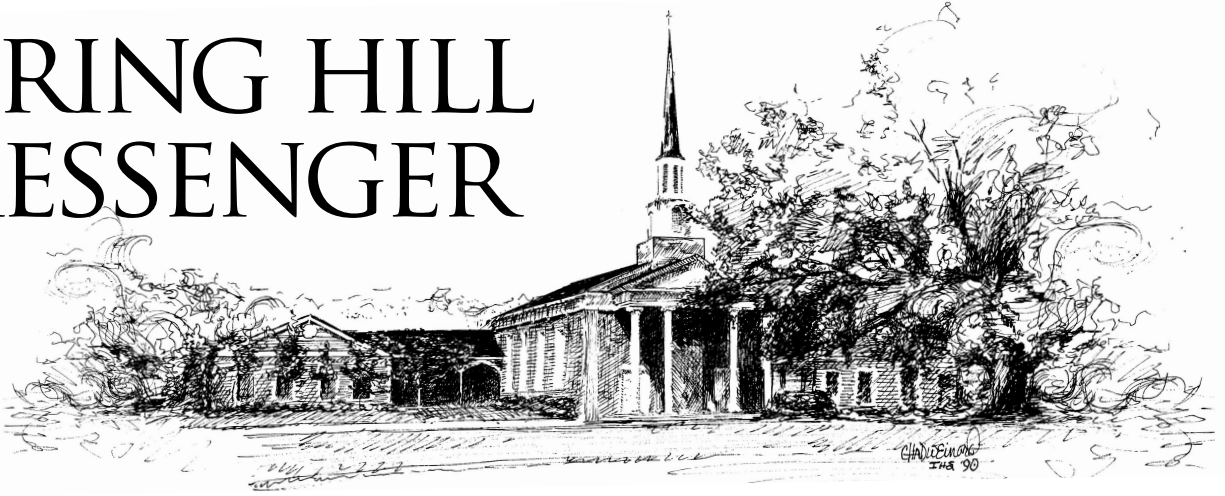


SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

May, 2019

A MINISTRY OF MILESTONES

DEAR SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY,

The month of May is full of milestones, particularly graduations. Within our church family we celebrate those who are graduating from high school, college, and other education programs. In recent years as we have significantly grown the number of organizations hosted on our campus (especially related to serving local children), so too have our milestone events increased as well.

This month we will host the graduation ceremonies for preschoolers from the Goodwill/Easterseals Child Development Center and the Spring Hill Weekday School. We will host the end-of-the-year banquet for Mobile's Singing Children and the final campus ministry event for UKirk South Alabama. We will host the 5th Grade Honors Day for Mary B. Austin Elementary School in which our entire sanctuary will be packed with students, parents, faculty, and other guests to mark these 5th graders' transition into middle school. We will host Bridging Ceremonies for our Girl Scout troop, as well as Court of Honor and Eagle Scout ceremonies for our Boy Scout troop. There are other, less visible, milestones as well. Our two Alcoholics Anonymous groups will celebrate milestones of sobriety among their members.

A wedding in our chapel will mark the transition into married life for two young people, who come seeking God's blessing on their promises. Our mission trip to the Presbyterian Home for Children helps prepare for

homeless families transitioning into safe and secure dwellings. And, of course, there are the countless instances of transitions large and small among our church members and within our community; some joyful, some scary, all of which lead us as a Christian

"AND REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE."
MATTHEW 28:20

community of believers to reach out to God, who provides us with strength for the journey and courage through every chapter of our lives.

With all these milestones in May, we are also going to focus our study of scripture on God's abiding presence during some important times of transition for the ancient Hebrew people as revealed in the Old Testament. A special combined adult Sunday morning Sunday School and our Wednesday Bible study (The Word in the Week) will be tied together this month in a series we are calling **Old Testament Milestones**. We will survey the books of Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, and 1 & 2 Kings. So join your church family as together we celebrate God's guidance through the milestones of life:

*"Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand."*

Grace and Peace,

Opportunities for Fellowship, Service and Study

Presbytery Sunday

On May 19, churches throughout South Alabama will be celebrating Presbytery Sunday. We will recognize and give thanks to God for the unifying work of the Holy Spirit and for our many connections in the Presbytery of South Alabama. All of our churches will participate in a presbytery-wide pulpit exchange. At SHPC that morning we will welcome Dr. Joe Johnson from Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Dothan as our guest preacher. Our pastors will also be spread out to share the good news in other congregations: Buz Wilcoxon will preach in Dothan that morning, Anna Fulmer Duke will preach at Government Street Presbyterian, and Lauren Peters will preach in Bay Minnette. Come join us at SHPC that morning as we celebrate the ties that bind us together.



**May's Bible 101 on
Sundays and
Word in the Week**

"Old Testament Milestones"

Join us this May for our next installment of Bible 101 and Word in the Week Bible Study! On Sunday mornings at 9:00 am and Wednesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall, we will be looking at important milestones from the Old Testament from the books of Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 2 Kings. Can't make it on Wednesdays? No worries! We hope that even if you pop-in for this study on Sundays once or twice, you will not be lost as we explore some fascinating stories from Scripture.

Bible 101: (Sundays)

May 5: Joshua
May 12: 1 Samuel
May 19: 1 Kings
May 26: Wrap-Up

Word in the Week: (Wednesdays)

May 1: Intro and Judges Samuel
May 8: No Bible Study (PW Birthday Lunch)
May 15: 2 Samuel
May 22: 2 Kings

**REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**

**Vacation Bible
School:**

SUPER HEROES OF FAITH

June 24-27, 2019

To Sign-Up Please Go to the Church's website!

www.shpc.us

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Join your friends and church family for our monthly Breakfast Bible Study on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. George Barton and his crew whip up a delicious breakfast, and Buz Wilcoxon is leading us through a study of the Ten Commandments (with a little help from The Andy Griffith Show).



We Rejoice!

We rejoice with Lewis and Barkley Shreve on the birth of their granddaughter, Lillian Byrd Shreve on April 13, 2019. The parents are Robert and Julia Shreve.

Tai Chi Classes—3 Mondays in May.

Come experience the gentle, calming, yet strengthening exercise that is increasingly recognized as beneficial to persons of all ages and levels of fitness. Randy Sheets (SHPC music director) will lead classes for beginners or experienced tai chi players on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:00 in our Fellowship Hall. If you have questions or wonder if Tai Chi is for you and your physical condition, please contact Randy at the church or at rsheets@shpc.us. Come join us for this practice known as "moving meditation."

What: Tai Chi Exercise Class

Who is invited: Anyone
(contact Randy Sheets with questions.)

Cost: No charge

When: 3 Mondays in May—May 6, 13, 20.

Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Orientation May 6, 10:15 a.m., preceding the 10:30 class.
(for persons who did not participate in our previous classes)---

What to wear/bring: wear comfortable shoes (or go barefoot) and loose clothes in which you can move freely. Bring a bottle of water if you wish. 251-454-4516.





Presbyterian Women

The Coordinating Team meets Wednesday May 1 at 9:30 a.m. All Presbyterian Women are invited to the Presbyterian Women Officer Installation and Lunch on May 8 at 10:30.

Important Dates

June 13-15 AL/MS Women's Conference and Synod Gathering

MISSION TRIP

Mission Trip to the Presbyterian Home For Children -- Friday May 17th - Sunday May 19th

Join us for fellowship, fun, and service as we head to Talladega for another inspiring and heartwarming weekend. This will be a great opportunity to spend quality time together while working on various projects that need to be done at the home, and interacting with some of the residents and staff.

There is no cost for you to make this worthwhile trip as accommodations, meals, and transportation are included.

For further information, please respond to ted.auttonson@gmail.com or call 251-510-5184.



Church calendar: MAY 2019

1	PWCT 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Congregational Care Committee 12:00 p.m. Word in the Week
2	2:00 p.m. Writing and Spirituality 5:30 p.m. Religious Arts Committee
3	8:00 a.m. Goodwill Easter Seals Volunteer Day
4	9:00 a.m. Back Pack for Kids
5	10:30 a.m. Worship-Communion
7	6:00 p.m. Christian Education 6:00 p.m. Plant Services 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee 6:30 p.m. Mission Committee
8	10:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon
9	5:00 p.m. Goodwill Easter Seals Graduation- Chapel
10	5:00 p.m. Spivey Rehearsal- Chapel
11	5:00 p.m. Spivey Wedding
12	10:30 a.m. Worship-Mother's Day- Children's Choirs Sing
13	4:00 p.m. Outreach Committee
14	7:00 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Welcoming and Belonging
15	12:00 p.m. Word in the Week 5:00 p.m. Mobile Singing Children Banquet- Bullard Building
16	12:00 p.m. Preschool Program
17	8:00 a.m. Mary B Austin 5th Grade Honors
18	8:00 a.m. Yeoman Workday
19	10:30 a.m. Worship- Guest Pastor/Presbytery Sunday 5:00 p.m. Outdoor Concert
20	9:00 a.m. Newsletter Deadline
21	6:00 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m. Diaconate
22	12:00 p.m. Word in the Week
27	Memorial Day -Church office Closed
28	8:00 Mary B Austin Teacher Breakfast

Statement as of March, 2019

Total Budgeted Revenue	\$ 888,792
Year-to-date Received	\$ 213,592
Other Receipts	\$ 8,079
Total Receipts	\$ 221,671
Benevolences	\$ 21,353
Salaries and Services	\$ 135,587
Programs	\$ 12,139
Office Expenses	\$ 10,120
General and Plant Services	\$ 52,124
Other	\$ 9,393
Total Expenses	\$ 240,717
Excess Receipts over Expenses (Deficit)	\$ (19,046)

“Those Who Walk Before”

Dear Friends,

As we begin to prepare for our summer series, I wonder, who are those friends and mentors who came before you? Who cleared the path, so that you could follow? Who prayed for you, offered words of affirmation and cared? Who shared their faith and inspired you to be a more faithful person? We do not journey down the road of faith alone. That's why I love the church. I love the church because of Weenie Taylor, who taught my Sunday School as a middle schooler and into college would still write me birthday notes and cards. I walk the road of faith because of my parents who brought me to Sunday School and church each week. I remember pastors, Sunday school teachers, mentors, friends, pew buddies who all shared their lives, love, and faith with me. This summer, we will be exploring the ancestors of our faith—those who witnessed to God's love as they journeyed in their faith. What excites me about this theme, is that not only will we be exploring this in worship and Sunday school for adults—we will also explore four of our twelve ancestors in Vacation Bible School with the theme “Super Heroes of the Faith” and our children will explore these ancestors in Children's Church and in Sunday school as well.

Vacation Bible School will be June 24-27 this year. One of my favorite parts of Vacation Bible School is watching how people of all generations come together. People donate items. Youth and adults work together creating fun games, art projects, and stories that engage children from across our community. At times, we wonder, “Is this going to be enough?” Do we have enough time, enough volunteers, enough energy to make this happen?—and yet loaves abound. God provides. I hope you will consider getting involved! VBS is not only a great way to reach out to children in our community; it's a great way to get to grow closer to our church family. If you are interested, please contact me or Mary Katherine Martin.

Unfortunately, our high schoolers are unable to go to the Montreat Youth Conference this year; but lucky for us, we will still have a Montreat experience through Mobtreat (Montreat in Mobile). June 14-15, our youth will participate in small groups, energizers, go to a swimming hole, stay on the river, and engage in service projects right here in Mobile. We are excited to create some of that Montreat excitement here at home. We also have a group of middle schoolers going to Middle School Montreat. Middle School Montreat is not in Montreat, but in Maryville, TN on the campus of Maryville College. Their theme is “For Such a Time as This.” I am excited because this year, I will be leading recreation for Middle School Montreat while the Knox and Marian Boteler lead our youth. I am excited to see all that our youth learn and bring back to us from their experiences. As we enter into this busy season of May, I hope you will pray for all of these exciting opportunities happening in our church!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Anna Fulmer Duke

Children's ministry news

This month, children's Sunday school and children's church time will hear stories from the book of Luke. We will spend the month learning ways to express our gratitude for God's love.

The first week of May, we will hear the story of Jesus forgiving a sinful woman. Children will learn that we have peace in our hearts when our sins are forgiven.

On May 12, our children will hear the story of Mary and Martha. We will discuss that it is important to take time and pay attention to God's word.

Children will hear the story of Jesus healing the lepers on May 19. We will talk about ways to express our gratitude to God for all of our blessings.

We will finish up May with the story of Zaccaeus, and learn that God wants us to offer hospitality to others.

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Featuring our Preparatory, Intermezzo,
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Methodist Church
2401 Main Street
Daphne
Saturday, May 4
7:00 p.m.

Saint Paul's
Episcopal Church
4051 Old Shell Road
Mobile
Saturday, May 11
7:00 p.m.

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SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN 75TH ANNIVERSARY SPRING CONCERT ON THE LAWN

Sunday, May 19th 5:30pm

Come join us to celebrate spring and our 75th anniversary with a concert on the north lawn, featuring The Ayers Brothers Band and Brandon Rice!

B&B Land and Sea Food Truck will be onsite or bring your own picnic.
Bring chairs/blankets and lawn games too!





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