



# SPRING HILL MESSENGER October 2022

Celebrate God's Abundance

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”  
(2 Corinthians 9)

God is generous to us first – extravagantly, abundantly generous. Outrageously generous. Because God loves us first, before we ever come to love God, even though he knows we are rotten to the core and sinful and selfish if left to our fallen natures. God's abundance is not held back, not at all. It pours freely every day like sweet manna for those who see and hear and understand. It is all about us to be gathered and savored and, above all, shared. God's generosity toward us is the binding mortar of the kingdom on earth, that which holds us together and seals us in our relationships with each other and with God. And it is made unquestionably manifest in the incredible gift of God's one and only son Jesus Christ in excruciating sacrifice as the atonement for our sins; that we might be made worthy again –not of our own merit – to be brought home spotless and whole into God's presence.

That is the first promise of generosity: that God will generously supply us with everything we need and even more. The second promise is this: if we will participate and emulate God's generosity, we will be blessed. We will be changed. We will be transformed and all to the Glory of God. As Paul says to the Corinthians – “Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the Gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others”

Generosity fundamentally transforms the way we define ourselves, our success and our pursuit of happiness. The apostle Paul reminds the Corinthians and us that generous giving is proof to the world of our love for God and a witness to our gratitude for God's abundant blessings of love, grace and mercy. In a few weeks, we will gather our promises and our pledges for the coming year – for the equipping of the saints, for the preaching of the Gospel, for the maintenance of God's house, for reaching out to seek the lost and for the compassionate care of those in our community who are in need. That is Christ's call, his command and our great privilege. You will be encouraged from all sides to prayerfully consider your giving – whether you have been blessed to be generous with time or talents or money or all of the above - and we will gather those pledges during worship on the 16th of October.

I urge you to be extravagant in your generosity, with whatever abundance God has given you, to challenge your notion of what is enough and of what God will do with your tithes and offerings. I am assured through Scripture and through the promptings of the Holy Spirit that we will all be blessed enormously and will be transformed and be brought ever closer into communion with the Father and with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. That is the promise of our God, the promise of his extravagant generosity and why we celebrate God's abundance.

Harvie Jordan, for the Stewardship Committee

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago I shared with the Current Issues class about my fascination with Jonah. The book of Jonah is a short book of the Bible (only four chapters) and thus lends itself to being read just in one sitting. We are familiar with the children's version of the story of Jonah, but as adults, it can be easy to brush this story off as a simple fairy tale with a big fish. Yet Jonah speaks deeply to our "out of sorts" time our world faces. Jonah is not a typical prophet. First, he is not sent to his people—the Hebrews, but to Nineveh, the capital of Babylon. With the exile on Jonah's mind as a recent and deeply painful topic, I can only imagine how surprised and shocked Jonah was. You want me to go to them? Jonah seems to ask God. Instead of voicing his concerns, Jonah gets on a boat and goes the opposite direction. God pursues Jonah, and Jonah does spend three days in the belly of a fish. Jonah agrees to go to Nineveh, preaches the shortest, most effective sermon ever (just a sentence!) and the people of Nineveh repent. Jonah though has a hard time reconciling God's radical forgiveness to the Ninevites and struggles to offer the same mercy.

Jonah is a story about how God calls us to cross boundaries even when it is difficult, to reach out to those who are the last people we want God to forgive. Throughout the story, we get a glimpse into the conversations Jonah and God are having—through these conversations it is amazing to see Jonah's faith in the midst of his fury. He wrestles with God, reminding us that we are allowed to show God all that we are—even the "human," imperfect pieces. This fall, I hope we all consider the ways in which God calls us and is calling beyond our comfortable places to reach out past dividing lines. I challenge you: to have a conversation in a grocery line; to give ten strangers a smile while you are out; to open the door for someone with their hands full; to invite someone you recently met for coffee. In small and large ways, we can learn more about our neighbors and share God's love—practicing in small ways strengthens those learning and growing muscles when it is hard.

One way that you can get to know new people and reach out is through our Supper Clubs. Starting in October, there will be Supper Club sign-ups in the hallway. Fill out a card and jump into a meaningful opportunity to get to know each other. The plan is to have these groups finalized in December, so that in January groups can immediately begin.

Another way you can be a beacon of light in our community is by participating in our Trunk or Treat on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 5:30-6:30 pm. This annual event brings together families from our church, preschools, and community. I love how this event reaches out beyond the church walls to bring light, life, and some silly costumes to our neighbors.

Stay tuned throughout this year to find ways to reach out in love even when it is hard; it is what we are always called to do but especially in this season may we be beacons of reconciliation, hope, and forgiveness.

Grace and Peace,

Anna

## Supper Club Sign-Ups Starting for 2023!

Supper Clubs are for anyone who would like to get to know others in our church family in a smaller, relaxed atmosphere. Each person hosts their supper club 1-2 times in a year. Supper Clubs can be hosted in your home, at church, or at a restaurant. We are launching Supper Club sign-ups this fall with the plan for them to kick-off in the January. Please sign-up by mid-November to be placed in a group. You can sign up by filling out the information below and returning it to the bulletin board in the hallway. If you have questions please contact Lynn Hennig or Buff Brown.



I would like to join a Supper Club.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a group that meets:  Day  Evening

Any Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_



### PW Circles Welcome New Members!

Our Day and Night Circles are excited to start the 2022-2023 year with a bumper crop of new members. The Day Circle has five new members: Mary Anne Brown, Emily Thurston, Judy McElroy, Brenda Howell, and transfer member Cindy Campbell. The Night Circle is adding three new members: Linda Madsen, Rita Langus, and Sue McNeely.

The year has just begun and it's not too late to add YOU to one of our circles for fellowship, mission support, and Bible study. This year's theme focuses on the many ways we can Celebrate Sabbath (with joy!). For additional information:

Day Circle: Dianne Oveson (251) 455-6736

Night Circle: Susan Tomlinson (251) 209-0792

Either Circle: Dale Hair (770) 335-3391

WE REJOICE with Andrew & Allison Snelling on the birth of their son John Hyatt “Jack” on September 17,



## Save the Date

There will be a baby shower for Anna on **November 6** after worship in the Bullard Building.



**Save the Date! Trunk or Treat, Thursday, Oct. 20 5:30-6:30 pm** Do you love Halloween? Passing out candy, dressing up, and seeing kids in costume? Then join us for our 7th Annual Trunk or Treat. We are in need of people to host a trunk—which means passing out candy and decorating your car trunk. We also need lots of candy. Interested? See the sign-up sheet near Anna’s office!

## Pictures of our children participating in some of the activities provided at SHPC



# MEMORIALS

*Sara Martin      Sue Mclean*

*Ruth Fitzgerald  
Vicki Read Kopf  
Dick & Lila Pennington  
Charlie & Amy Powell*

## Prayer List

Coco Anderson, Neal Andrews, Cammie Belue, Kaye Bradshaw, Richard Britton, Janet Clarke, Sherry Coats, Edith Cox, Mike Dixon, Ruth Fitzgerald, Amy Britton Foshee, Gwen Greer, Ann Hafner, Bill Harris, Jackie Martin Haskew, Lauren Henson, Andrea Wiik Hinton, John Langus, Bill Layfield, Steve Ledbetter, Kay Korb, Gordon Marsh, Marilyn Michel, Margaret Miller, Betty Minto, Emma Munderloh, Mary Owen, Art Powell, Bernice Riedeburg, Cort Schlichting, William Shreve, Gladys Sheets, Ransome Sheets, Janie Sims, Carol Sumrall, Malcolm Sumrall, Patricia Trammell Stinson, Pat Stoll, Gayle Underwood, Nicholas Vrakelos, Babs Warren, Helen Wells, Louis Williams, Ann Wilson, Forrest Wilson, Ronnie Wright and all our military members: Haley Harrell, Susanna Hedrick, Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio; The children in our Big Brother/Big Sister program: Angelo, Eddie, Maylasia, & Milaishia.



**THE PRAYERS AND THE SYMPATHY OF THE congregation** go out to Devin Burton, in the death of his father, Donald Burton, in Decatur, Alabama; to Ann Wilson, in the death of her brother, Herschel Quarles, in Fort Worth, Texas; to Gwin Williams on the death of her brother, Bill Anderson on September 1; to Ted Autterson on the death of his mother Betty Jean Autterson in Cape Coral, FL on September 3; and to the family of Sara Martin on her death September 3.

### **Statement as of July 31, 2022**

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$	863,515
Year-to-date Received	\$	474,796
Other Receipts	\$	18,179
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>492,976</b>
Benevolences	\$	31,290
Salaries and Services	\$	306,306
Programs	\$	13,886
Office Expenses	\$	14,071
General and Plant Services	\$	134,576
Other	\$	16,159
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>516,288</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over (under )Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(23,312)</b>

# Children's Ministry Opportunities

**KidsLead** is for children 3K to 5th grade at 9:00 am upstairs in the Bullard Building. During this hour our kids will learn a guiding Scripture then engage in Mission Projects. In October, they will be packing bags for Backpack for Kids (Oct. 2), creating gifts to raise money for the alternative gift market (Oct. 9), and preparing for Children's Sunday which is Sunday, Oct. 30.



**Children's Sunday:** Calling all children ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade! We want your help leading worship, Oct. 30. If you are able and willing to read Scripture, lead a prayer, and share your gifts, email Anna at [anna@shpc.us](mailto:anna@shpc.us). We will be preparing for Children's Sunday Oct. 16 and 23 and will have a dress rehearsal Oct. 30 at 9:00 am during KidsLead.

**BLAST** is for children grades 3K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. BLAST and Crossroads happens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month from 11:30-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet this month, Sunday, Oct. 23.



**Open Play:** Children and their families are invited to join us Saturday, Oct. 15 from 8:30-9:30 am for some open play time on the playground! We will have coffee for the adults and donuts for everyone. We hope that this is a time for fellowship, play, and fun!

## Youth Ministry Opportunities

**Montreat Summer Trips:** We hope that all of our youth and families had the opportunity to learn more on Sept. 25 about our summer trips. If you missed it and want more information, please see Anna. Cost is \$310. Montreat High School is for youth who are currently in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and will be June 3-10, 2022. Middle School Montreat is for youth who are currently in 5-8<sup>th</sup> grades and will be July 19-23, 2023. A \$100 deposit is due by Dec 1 (we are hoping to get those before Anna has Baby Duke #2). The remainder (\$210) is due Mar. 5. Scholarships are available.

**Youth Group** happens on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Bullard Building, so put Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30 on your calendar. Oct. 2 we will be engage in art and our faith. Oct. 16, we will make casseroles and discuss food and faith with the Congregational Care committee to provide sustenance and support for members recovering. Oct. 30 we will dress up in costume and go "**Can or Treating**" at the Gates collecting food for Backpack for Kids and feeding ministries in our community. **To subscribe to our Remind and receive weekly text messages, send a text to: 81010 and text this message: @springhill.**

**Crossroads** is what we are calling our Sunday afternoon youth ministry experience. It is for youth grades 6-12. We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 11:30-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a snack, study, fellowship, and fun. Save the date for Oct. 23 where Stu Rubio will share about vocation, faith, and service in the military.

**Youth Sunday School** is for youth grades 6-12. Youth Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:00 am in the Youth Room upstairs in the Bullard Building.

**\* No evening activities on October 9.**

# Alphabet Generations

Alphabet Generations (X, Y, and Millennials too) Bible Study meets each week on Sundays at 5:00 pm in the Bullard Building. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays we will have dinner from 6:00-6:30 pm. We will have dinner this month Oct. 2, 16, and 30. We will not meet Oct. 9.



**BIBLE DISCOVERY**— Come join us in the conference room at 9:15 and help us delve into God's Word as it applies to us today.



## October – A Month of Headline Topics for Current Issues Class!

Education issues in Alabama, refugee resettlement in Mobile, and the intersection of science and faith (even the James Webb Space Telescope) are all on the agenda for October's Current Issues Sunday School Class. The class meets from 9:00-10:00 in person in Fellowship Hall, and also via Zoom unless otherwise indicated in the weekly E-News. All are welcome to participate!

**October 9** – Zoom presentation by **Mark Dixon**, President of A+ Education Partnership, a non-profit advocacy organization addressing educational issues in Alabama.

**October 16** – **Charmaine Cabbagestalk**, Director of the Goodwill Easter Seals Preschool Program at SHPC, on early childhood and how our church is supporting the program.

**October 23** – **Jerry Stroade**, Executive Director of Dwell Mobile, a non-profit that helps with resettlement of refugees who have relocated to Mobile.

**October 30** – Zoom presentation by **Dr. William Brown**, a Presbyterian minister who oversaw Columbia Theological Seminary's pilot program on Science for Seminaries, to discuss faith and science.



**October 8, 8:00 - 12:00**

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# October 2022

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<p>Worship 10:30 a.m. BLAST &amp; Crossroads 11:30 a.m.—2nd &amp; 4th Sunday Choir &amp; ABC Generation 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.—1st &amp; 3rd Sunday 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday</p>		<p>Sunday Schools 9:00 a.m.</p>				<p>1 Water Donations  AA</p>
<p>2 Songs of Gratitude Sunday School Worship — Communion ABC / Choir Youth group</p>	<p>3  Outreach  MSC  Girl Scouts</p>	<p>4  Committees  MSC</p>	<p>5 PWCT Word in the Week Children's Chapel</p>	<p>6 Tai Chi</p>	<p>7  The church office is closed on Fridays.</p>	<p>8  Habitat for Humanity</p>
<p>9 Sunday School Worship — PW Sun- day  No Evening activities</p>	<p>10  <i>Church of- fice is closed</i>  MSC</p>	<p>11  MSC</p>	<p>12 Children's Chapel Circles Word in the Week Springhill Ring- ers Choir</p>	<p>13 Tai Chi</p>	<p>14  The church office is closed on Fridays.</p>	<p>15  Yeoman  Open Play</p>
<p>16  Sunday School Worship — Dedication Sunday ABC / Choir Youth group</p>	<p>17  MSC</p>	<p>18  MSC  Session  Diaconate</p>	<p>19 Children's Chapel Word in the Week Congregational Care Springhill Ring- ers Choir</p>	<p>20  Tai Chi  Trunk or Treat  Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>21  The church office is closed on Fridays.</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23  Sunday School Worship Crossroads/ BLAST ABC / Choir</p>	<p>24  MSC</p>	<p>25  MSC</p>	<p>26 Children's Chapel Word in the Week Springhill Ring- ers Choir</p>	<p>27  Tai Chi  Spiritual writing group</p>	<p>28  The church office is closed on Fridays.</p>	<p>29 </p>
<p>30  Sunday School Worship- Reformation ABC / Choir Youth group</p>	<p>31  MSC</p>					