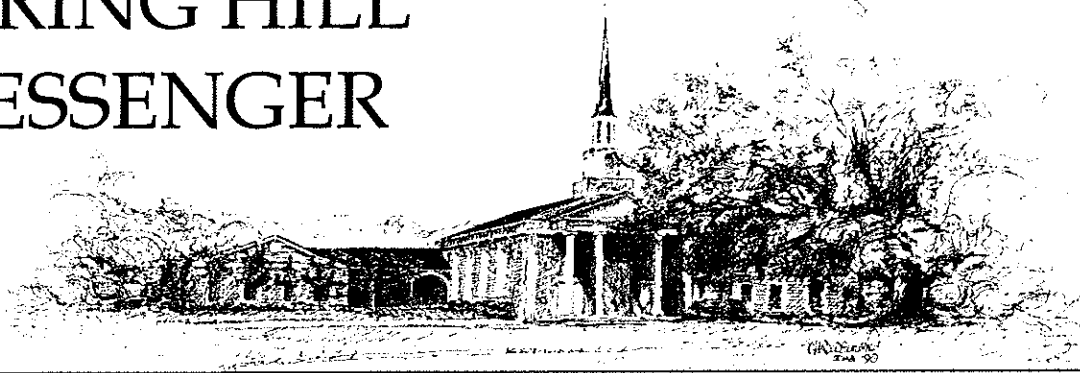


SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

September 2020

Shelter in Grace Serve in Place

“Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”-Ephesians 4:1

Dear Spring Hill Presbyterian Church Family,

During this season of separation, there is so much that we have missed from our life together. When we cannot be gathered in one place, we miss the faces, we miss the voices, we miss the hugs. We miss opening our hymnals, sitting in our Sunday School classes, seeing the children running up and down the hallways. We miss the sights, the sounds, the smells, and the feel of being at our church. And amidst all this sense of loss and longing we may be tempted to think that we aren't being the Church anymore. Since we can't be together, how can we do the mission and ministry of our congregation? What am I supposed to do with my faith during this time when there is so much we can't do?

These questions of identity, mission, and activity that emerge for us during COVID-19 are fundamentally questions about vocation. The biblical concept of being called by God to use our gifts in ways that share the gospel and serve our neighbor lies at the heart of a strong theology of vocation. On Rally Day (September 13), we will begin a 10-week fall series examining the what it means to be called by God during this time and in other seasons of our life. We'll explore some of the diverse biblical stories of vocation and what they teach us for using our gifts and being the Church right here and right now.

I hope you'll join us for this special series, **“Shelter in Grace, Serve in Place!”** Friends remember we are still the Church, the family of faith that is has been saved by the grace of God, formed by the call of the Holy Spirit, and sent to serve in our place and time as the body of Christ. Whether together or apart, this truth does not change.

Grace and Peace,

Buz

Please fill out and return the Time & Talent Forms online or by mail.

A Word from Pastor Anna

Dear Friends,

As you might have read in Buz's letter, our theme for this Fall is "Shelter in Grace, Serve in Place." I love this play on our state's "Shelter in Place" order. We will be looking at the call stories of people from their particular place in Scripture as we explore what our own calling is during this particular time of living in a pandemic. What strikes me in this theme is the emphasis on grace. We often misuse the word grace assuming that grace simply means elegance, refinement, or goodwill. God's grace is God's love poured out for us. Grace is forgiveness given to us not because we deserve it but because God loves. Grace is gift. Grace is not earned. When I look at Anders, I am reminded that he is a child of God, we all are children of God, even before we know how to speak. God claims us, shelters us in grace, even before we can respond to God saying, "I love you too." Maybe that's why I love the idea of sheltering in grace – we shelter and live under God's abiding love that calls us, claims us, protects us, and heals us. We do not build this shelter – God fortifies it and invites us in freely. As we continue to "shelter in place," unable to meet as we want to, I hope this theme reminds us God shelters us in grace and calls us to serve where we are – for God is in all places.

Not only will we study this theme of "Shelter in Grace, Serve in Place" in worship but also through our outdoor youth small groups and children's ministry opportunities. We hope that you can join us in discerning how God is calling us in this particular place and time.

May We Shelter in God's Grace All Our Days,



Rev. Anna Fulmer Duke

Statement as of July 31, 2020	
Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 860,365
Year-to-date Received	\$ 497,339
Other Receipts	\$ 19,959
Total Receipts	\$ 517,297
Benevolences	\$ 30,907
Salaries and Services	\$ 276,683
Programs	\$ 5,929
Office Expenses	\$ 14,035
General and Plant Services	\$ 106,248
Other	\$ 19,779
Total Expenses	\$ 453,581
Excess Receipts over Expenses (Deficit)	\$ 63,716

Prayer List
Kaye Bradshaw, Edith Cox, Bobby Gewin, Jerry Headrick, Robert Hennig, Lauren Henson, Becky Jones, Kay Korb, Norma Magee, Ernestine McElroy, Sue McLean, Marilyn Michel, Margaret Miller, Betty Minto, Cort Shclighting, William Shreve, Gladys Sheets, Ransome Sheets, Nicholas Vrakelos, all our military members: Haley Harrell, Susanna Hedrick, Stuart Rubio;
the children in our Big Brother/Big Sister program: Krystyn, Maylasia, Makenzie, Milaishia, Morgan, Taliah & Xayvion.

The Prayers and Sympathy of the congregation go to Bob Oatsvall on the death of his mother, Virginia Oatsvall in Zion, IL, to Chris, Madelyn, and Mary Stirling Brown and Mack and Betty Graham on the death of Ashley Brown and to Royce Ray on the death of his wife, Pat Ray.

Congratulations to Bill Layfield on the birth of his great grandson, Hudson Daniel Byrd on August 13, 2020 to Brandon and Megan Byrd in Birmingham.

Christian Education & Youth In the Fall

Save the Date: September 13, Rally Day: This year, we will have two celebrations of epic proportions! First, join us at 9:00 am on Zoom as we share the educational opportunities for adults, children, and youth this fall. Then, between 5:00-5:50 pm come to church and enter from Bit and Spur Road for our Rally Day Parade! Our parade will be “the things we have missed” as we have been “sheltering in grace and serving in place.” In our brief parade we will have the opportunity to catch up on some of the things we have missed this year including Easter, VBS, Fourth of July, music, and more! Come to see some of your beloved Children’s Ministry volunteers, adult Sunday School teachers, choir leaders, youth advisors, friends, and get some fun goodies to kick-off this Fall! Make sure to bring a mask and chair to stay for our Sunday evening Vespers at 6:00 pm.

Youth Ministry Small Groups: This fall, we hope that our youth grades 6-12th will sign up for our youth small groups—these groups will be comprised of 8-10 youth and two adult leaders. Safety is important so we will meet outside wearing masks, and socially distant. We know that these times are tough, and we want to foster faith and support one another. These meetups will happen the opposite weeks of Vespers on Sept. 20, Oct. 11, and Oct. 25 from 5-6 pm. Sign-up and fill out our 2020 Youth Registration Form here! Make sure to bring a mask, chair, or blanket!

Pastries with a Pastor: Families of youth and children: This fall schedule a time for Anna to meet you in your front yard, socially distant to visit and eat a pastry together! She will bring her own chair and the pastries; you just have to step outside your front door!

Time options: Sunday afternoons at 2 pm and Tuesdays after school

For Children and their Families: BLAST: Bible Learning and Sharing Time

This Fall on Sept 20 and Oct. 11 from 5-6 pm children and their families are invited to join us for BLAST! Safety is important, so we ask that a caregiver join their child(ren) for this outdoor, socially distant, facemask required BLAST! We will hear a story from the Bible, play games, pray, and more! Let us know that you are coming by filling out our 2020 Children’s Registration Form! Don’t forget to bring a mask and a chair or blanket!

Plagues, Pandemics, and Disasters in the Bible- midweek Bible Study, Tuesdays at noon on Zoom beginning September 22. The link to join will be included in the weekly church-wide emails.

Sunday School in September

Current Issues Class

9/13 Rally Day: Zoom overview of Fall, 2020 Christian Ed offerings

9/20 Current Issues Class (Virtually) Together Again Conversation!

9/27 Don Davis, Judge of Probate and Chief Election Office, Mobile County on Elections during COVID

Bible Discovery for Fall, 2020, will use the Book of Acts and the Book of Romans to explore the concept of salvation.

Sept. 20 Seeing Jesus (Acts) and Light in the Spirit (Romans)

Sept. 27 Faith, Salvation, and Righteousness (Romans)

Pandemic Parenting

Parenting During COVID is a support group led *by* parents and *for* parents with children of all ages. This group will discuss timely issues regarding COVID and how they are managing, coping, and staying well within their families during these challenging days.

BACK TO SCHOOL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: As we celebrate the start of an unusual school year with our **Partner in Education** at Mary B. Austin Elementary School there are still a number of ways you can serve:

-We need 7 church members to serve as “**school shepherds**” for the teachers in each grade. Since we can’t go to the school in person to volunteer, for the first quarter our focus will be on supporting the faculty and staff. A shepherd will volunteer to write letters and send emails to the 3 or 4 teachers in a particular grade level to encourage them. The shepherds will commit to pray for those same teachers and to communicate with them about ways that the church can support them during this time of online learning. If you are interested in serving as a school shepherd, Contact Buz Wilcoxon or Buddy Porter.

-In Partnership with the Mary B. Austin PTA, we are planning a work day to spruce up the school campus on **Saturday morning, September 19**. Come with work clothes and yard tools.

-Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Alabama is still in need of adults to serve as mentors for children in their program. During this time, the connections (one hour per week) are occurring remotely. You can begin the sign-up process by visiting their website: www.bbbsa.org.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, the **Daily Devotional** that are given out weekly will not be available for the fourth quarter of this year (October- December). Hopefully they will be available starting in January of 2021.

Tai Chi Outside and Online (via Zoom), led by Randy Sheets

- **What:** Tai Chi Exercise Class
- **When:** Tuesdays, from 9:00-9:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 8.
 - **Orientation** for New Participants: 15 minutes before class
 - **New participants must sign a waiver form. Contact Randy in advance to receive one by email.**
- **Where:** Two options:
 - **In-person:** Outside the sanctuary, in the shade (masked and distanced)
 - **Online via Zoom**, from wherever you are.
- **Who:** Anyone. (Speak with your physician to know whether this will be good for you).
- **Cost:** No charge
- **Covid Protocols for In-Person Outside Participation:**
 - **Masks.** Wear a mask.
 - **Distancing.** Your position will be marked on the pavement.
- **Register** by calling or emailing Randy. randall@springhillpresbyterian.org; 251-342-1550 ext 15.
- **Chair:** If you would like Randy to place a folding chair, for stability/safety, at your position, please let him know.
- **Bring Water for yourself!**
- **NOTES ABOUT ONLINE PARTICIPANTS:**
 - Note: In-person participants will NOT appear online – only the instructor.
 - Online participants can choose whether to be visible or not;
 - It would be helpful for Randy, as the instructor, to be able to see who is there and what they are doing, but one can choose to “join video” (which means you will be visible) or **Not** to “join video”, which means that you can see the instructor on the screen, but neither he nor anyone else will be able to see you on screen.

September 7- Lord’s Supper (10:30 Worship)

September 13 - Rally Day (10:30 Worship & 6:00 Vespers)

September 27- Confirmation Day (10:30 Worship & 6:00 Vespers)

Students & Educators at SHPC

Blessing for you in this new school year!

Atom Aggen
Charlie Aggen
Caitlyn Avery
Trent Avery
Andrew Ayers
Bryan Ayers
Caroline Bradford
Turner Bradford
James Boteler
Annie Boteler
Jimbo Boteler
Chad Brown
Cecille Brown
Ken Brown
Elliot Brown
Elizabeth Brown
Henry Brown
Frances Brown
Madelyn Brown
Mary Stirling Brown
Melanie Cox-Davis
Mary Hunter Davis
Catharine Dukes
Virginia Dukes
Margaret Druhan
Sims Druhan
Eric Fayard
Crawford Fitzpatrick
Lizzy Fitzpatrick
Em Foster
Tyler Hack
Alex Hamilton
Jackson Hamlin
Ruth Harper
Liam Harper
Patrick Hurley
Allison Jacobs
Sam Jacobs
Gates Kaufman

Mackie Kaufman
Leah Jane Mahtani
Phillip Mahtani
Jay Martin
Pete Martin
Mary Anne Martin
William Hal Martin
Catherine McGough
Lucy McGough
Sydney McGough
Will McGough
Edward McLeod
Harris McLeod
Andrew Morvant
Mary Morvant
Celeste Murray
Carol Murray
Jay Murray
Annie Olivera
Dario Olivera
Michael Oliveria
Jose Ortiz
MaeMae Otts
Mac Otts
Virginia Otts
Colleen O'Keefe
Margaret O'Keefe
Leo Patterson
Sophia Patterson
Corbin Perry
Edwin Perry
George Phillips
Sarah Phillips
Virginia Phillips
Clark Powell
Charlie Powell
Emma Powell
Katy Rice
Charlie Rice
Amelia Rivers

Grace Rivers
Mary Lynn Rivers
Ashton Rubio
Evan Rubio
Ethan Rubio
Spencer Stoll
William Stoll
Bailey Weaver
Chase Weaver
Colby Weaver
Ellie Weaver
Trey Weaver
Lohi Wilcoxon
Wilson Wilcoxon
Ella Winter

Educators

Marcia Autterson
Jo Barton
Marian Boteler
Buff Brown
Lanier Cauley
Brian Duke
Stacy Fasanello
Heather Fayard
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick
Emily Anne Foster
Rachael Hurley
Kristin Mahtani
Mary Katherine Martin
Jodi Morvant
Emily Mouron
Elizabeth Otts
Matthew Patterson
Brandon Rice
Kim Rice
Alice Vogtner
Nancy Walton
Jennifer Weaver

Memorials

Barbara Drey
 Gloria Wright
 Presbyterian Women
 of Spring Hill
 Vernon & Sallie
 Hunter
 Frank & Cathi Dagley
 Wes & Elisa Baldwin
 Jain Ann Lane
 Tim & Ann Holston
 Bonney Irwin
 Judy & Mark Weaver
 Sue Jardine
 Tim & Mary Alford
 Sam Strada
 Kimberley Peterson
 Kitty & John Dukes
 Sallie Connell
 Kevin & Glenda Perkins
 Ruth Fitzgerald
 Kay & Carter Bryars
 Dick & Lila Pennington
 Baldwin County United
 Leadership
 Jim & Nancy Adams
 Marcelle Harris
 Brontee Dixon
 Jacqueline Williams
 Molly Lankford
 Stephanie & Neil White
 Susan Abrams
 Mr & Mrs A Mitchell Cobb
 Ann Hafner
 Janie & Barry Zetsch
 Mary Margaret Farris
 Allen Vance
 Robert Jacques
 Charles & Linda Langston
 Jane Sims
 Mary Lena Harper
 Norman McCrummen
 James & Margaret Fowler
 Carroll Blow

Ashley Brown	Grace Reid
Robert Edington	Jeff Stoll
Inez Wilson	Herchel Sheets
Dick Bradley	Kim Robson
Sue Pollard Horton	Lynn Smith
Delmar Diamond	Andy Harper
Nancy McCrummen	

Tommie Cassels Major
 Billy & Sue McLean
 Elizabeth McLean
 Frank Reeves
 Luann Rice
 Bruce & Sylvia Weinard
 Dr Burt Taylor
 Virginia Guy
 Roy & Gail Kennedy
 Sam Strada
 Robert & Robin Orewiler
 Michael Smith
 Lynne & Hal Daugherty
 Chris Brown
 Dan & Nickelle Stoll
 Allison & Mark Douglas
 Robert & Dora Rouse
 Pat & Terry Guest
 Alan & Leanne Spencer
 Mary Lee & Charles, Shep &
 Alden Gay
 Ellen & Jay Faulkner
 Lee & Blake Wingard
 Kim & Larkin Daniels
 George McMillan
 Ann Bedsole
 John & Joy Klotz
 Tom & Susan Cheatham
 Thomas McGehee

Hoyt Winslett
 Robert Montgomery
 Forrest & Ann Wilson
 Gordon & Kay Korb
 Clairbel & Curtis Gentry
 Dr & Mrs Noblet
 Ferd & Sue Zundel
 Sarah & Tom Damson
 Marion Overby
 Roger & Janice Setzler
 Frank Hall
 William & Alix Hardie
 Jay & Kelley Evers
 Patsy & Milton Williams
 Jancie Harden
 Jacqueline Marrero
 Wilson & Sue Borden
 Larry & Claudia Brock
 Allen & Lisa Borden
 Martha Rowan
 Susan & Cort Schlichting
 Elizabeth & Wayt Harris
 Chad & Patricia Brown
 Dr & Mrs Bernard Eichold
 Edgar & Ellen Brister
 Milton & Margaret Brown
 Janet & Bill Hayes
 Nancy Madison
 Junior League of Mobile
 Mabry & Donelson Foose
 Stratton & Marty Bone
 Tamara Clancy
 Lisa Brockway & Jerry Ray
 Mark & Peggy Kennedy
 Kent & Kan Robinson
 Bruce and Barbara Maynard