

Dear Saints,

Our children's and youth choirs have adopted a new theme this year: *"Everybody Has a Place in the Choir."* I love the way those words capture a truth far bigger than music. At Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, we believe with our whole hearts that everybody has a place in the body of Christ. That means *you* have a place here.



This church is not just a building or a set of programs—it is a covenant community where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to experience the holy, to grow in faith, and to serve God and one another with joy. Whether through worship, study, mission, or fellowship, there are so many ways to find connection and meaning. Some of the opportunities for you coming up:

- Men's Breakfast beginning a new study of *Lies My Preacher Told Me* by Brent Strawn
- A new Presbyterian Women evening circle for deeper fellowship and study
- Our Wholeness and Healing Communion Service every third Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel, followed by dinner
- Revival of Supper Club, called Blessings by the Bite
- Ongoing small groups, mission opportunities, education classes, youth and children's ministries, and fellowship events

Each of these gatherings is about more than just filling time on a calendar—they are about creating spaces where God's love is made known, where we encounter the holy, and where we are reminded that **we belong**.

So as you read through this newsletter, I invite you to ask yourself:

- Where do I feel most drawn to serve, learn, or grow right now?
- How might God be calling me to step more fully into this covenant community?
- Where might I find joy, connection, and holy presence in the life of SHPC?

It is my prayer that every member and every visitor who walks through our doors will discover their place here—because here, in this community of grace, there is indeed a place for you.

With gratitude and joy,

Rev. Brandon E. Miles



## Music Ministries

When in Our Music...

The Fall is ramping up with music ringing throughout the church. The Chancel Choir is back in the choir loft leading worship weekly and the Children's Choirs, Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, and Intergenerational Ensemble all kick off this month.

Children and Youth Choirs are small but mighty and are most certainly welcoming new members. Both offer prime opportunities to learn the importance of leading and participating in worship, not to mention teaching a lifelong skill that can be enjoyed at all stages of life! Both groups meet on Sunday nights at 5 PM – Children's Choirs in the Bullard Building and Youth Choir in the Choir Room.

The Handbell Choir has openings for new members this year. Music reading skills are required but previous ringing experience is not. The group is open to high school students through Senior Adults.

The Intergenerational Instrumental Ensemble is also open to people of all ages and abilities. New members are always welcome. This group will meet periodically throughout the year.

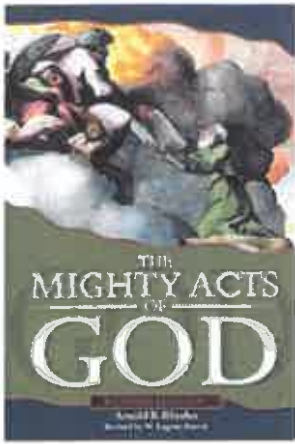
Even though the Chancel Choir has been back leading in worship since the beginning of August, it is never too late to join. As we are just beginning the music for the Advent Cantata and the Lessons and Carols service, now is a perfect time to explore being a part of this dedicated group.

For information on any of these opportunities, contact John Hutchinson, Director of Music and Organist at [musicdirector@shpc.us](mailto:musicdirector@shpc.us).

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### Offering Envelopes Update

Starting this month, SHPC will no longer mail numbered giving envelopes to households. Instead, we now provide generic offering envelopes for those who prefer to use them. If you would like envelopes for your giving, you may pick them up in the



## Bible Discovery Class

Our study book is "The Mighty Acts of God" written by Dr. A.B. Rhodes and revised by Dr. Eugene March, both from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. We know God through divine acts, primarily specific events of history as presented and interpreted in the Bible. We are on a pilgrimage from the Garden of Eden to the New Jerusalem as we journey through the Bible. Join us as we delve into what God has done, is doing, and will do for us, and our salvation through Jesus Christ. We engage in this study in the faith and the prayer that the Spirit will make God's will known to us today and enable us to respond to God in faith and obedience.



## 2025 Fall Current Issues

**Sept. 7** – "The 2025 Legislative Session: Which Education Bills Passed and Which Didn't." Sarah Waldinger, Policy Director for A+ Education Partners, a Non-Partisan Educational Advocacy Organization based in Montgomery. **(Via Zoom)**

**Sept. 14** – "Mobile Botanical Garden: Conservation and Environmental Issues" (Cindy Klemmer, new Director, arranged by Judy Stout)

**Sept. 21** – "Importance of the Port of Mobile and Effect of Tariffs" (Terry Gilbreath, arranged by Jane Williamson)

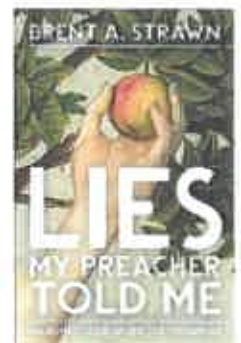
**Sept. 28** – "Called to a Vocation of Service – What's Happening at Goodwill" (Stephanie Jacobs)

**Oct. 5** – "Cello Music of Bach – Dedicated to the Glory of God" (Mary Helen Harper)



## Men's Breakfast Bible Study

The men's group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and a study using the book "Lies My Preacher Told Me." Join us in the fellowship hall on September 10<sup>th</sup> for good food and great company. Contact the church office to reserve a book.



# Back Pack for Kids

Old Shell Road Elementary and Phillips Middle School have relied on the generosity of our SHPC Congregation for years to help their 'food insecure' students. All of the children have breakfast and lunch at school five days a week. But last year 23 students were suspected by their teachers to be in need of additional support & food for the weekends. The school Counselors confirmed this and food bags were requested from SHPC. Our volunteers order nutritious easy to prepare meals. And the Youth Groups pack them in recycled grocery sacks with prayer cards included. Our volunteers deliver these Backpacks for Kids weekly to the schools.



This Mission Outreach team has faithfully researched where to purchase healthy foods economically. But the cost still runs about \$500 monthly.

Please prayerfully consider monetary donation to help these children in need.

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## Stewardship Committee

### *All In – Trusting God with Our Whole Lives*

This year's Stewardship Campaign theme is "All In – Trusting God with Our Whole Lives". We invite the congregation to reflect on how our whole lives – our time, our talents, our treasure, and our trust – are given to God in faithful response to God's abundant grace. The weeks ahead will highlight intentional worship, meaningful small group dinners, member testimonies, and an all-church celebration on October 26. It's not too soon to start thinking about how God is calling you to trust more fully and give more joyfully!

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## Children's Church Volunteers

It's sign-up time again for Children' Church. Summer was wonderful with every Sunday covered! Thank you so much. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway.



**□ Children's Choir Kickoff □**  
**Sunday, September 7, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Bullard Building**

Calling all children! If your child is age K3 (by Sept. 1) through 5th grade, we'd love to welcome them to our

**Children's Choir Kickoff:**

□ What's in store:

- · Joyful singing
- · Hands-on instruments
- · Creative crafts
- · Fun games

And yes... ice cream! □

Whether your child is new to choir or a returning member, this is a great chance to connect, explore, and celebrate God's gift of music together.

Questions? Reach out to Susan Hoitt at

[shoitt@springhillpresbyterian.org](mailto:shoitt@springhillpresbyterian.org)



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**Blessings by the Bite**

(formerly known as Supper Clubs)

Blessings by the Bite is a quarterly gathering where groups of around 8 share a meal and deepen connections. We will kick off in October during Stewardship Season. Our hope is that as we gather around the table, we reflect not just on the food we share, but on the lives we're called to live in community.

Participants can meet for lunch or supper, so please let us know your preference when you sign up! There's a sign-up sheet in the back hall or you can contact either Leslie Sweeney [lsweeney400@gmail.com](mailto:lsweeney400@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Brown at [moomoo0652@gmail.com](mailto:moomoo0652@gmail.com).

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**Mary B Austin Week, September 21-28**

Robyn Terry, the principal of Mary B Austin, will join us in worship on September 21 to highlight our relationship with the school and how we can continue to support the students. More information will be coming soon about how you can participate!



# Presbyterian Women

Presbytery Women start their circles in September!

Presbyterian Women is open to all women in our church each year for bible study and fellowship. Our three circles meet on the following schedule:

Day Circle: Second Wednesday, 9:45 am, Fellowship Hall

Afternoon Circle: Second Wednesday, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Evening Circle: Third Thursday, 6:30 pm Meeting place will be determined.

Save the date for Presbyterian Women Sunday, October 19, 2025

From the Creation Care Team:

This September, churches around the world will once again unite to celebrate the Season of Creation — a month-long opportunity, from 1 September to 4 October, to renew our commitment to care for God's creation.

This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" drawing from the promise found in Isaiah 32:14–18.

*"The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.*

*Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth.*

*To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity."* (excerpt from <https://seasonofcreation.org/>)

## Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship

**Kirkin' o' the Tartan**

We invite you to join us for Worship on Sunday, September 28 for our **Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service**. If you're not familiar with this ceremony, it dates back to our roots in the early Presbyterian Church in

Scotland, when families or clans would bring their family symbol or tartan to the Kirk (the Scottish name for church) for a blessing or to rededicate their clan to the God's service. In recognition of that heritage, our congregation practices this ceremony in knowledge that God has gathered different families, ethnicities, and nations into one family, the Church of Jesus Christ. If you have clothing that represents your family tartan, you are invited to wear it to worship that Sunday. If you would like to carry one of the tartan banners, please contact our church secretary, Marcia Wear, so that we can have an idea of who will be participating.



**Rehearsals 5-6 pm**  
**Sundays in the Bullard Building**

**Cherub and Elementary Choirs**  
**Ages K3 (by Sept. 1) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**



## Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

### Statement as of June 30, 2025

Total Annual Budgeted Revenue	\$ 793,620
Year-to-date Received	\$ 405,004
Other Receipts	38,208
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 443,212</b>
Benevolences	\$ 28,660
Salaries and Services	\$ 201,598
Programs	\$ 13,205
Office Expenses	\$ 13,188
General and Plant Services	\$ 137,978
Other	\$ 14,265
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 408,893</b>
<b>Excess Receipts over (under )Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 34,318</b>

### Attendance for June & July

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
6/1	127	63
6/8	96	52
6/15	111	54
6/22	98	40
6/29	102	91
7/6	88	117
7/13	151	97
7/20	135	55
7/29	104	62

## Prayer List

Nancy Adams, Margaret Armentrout, Ted Autterson, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, Roy Benton IV, Frank Callahan, John Carr, Lanier Cauley, Janet Clarke, Jamie Crawford, Cathi Dagley, Pat Edington, Chrisy Ennen, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Franks, Curran Foose, Ann Hafner, Charles Hall, Bill Harris, Marcy Harris, Lauren Henson, Bill Layfield, Paula Letterman, Sara Long, Nick Kramer, Kay Korb, Jim Martin, Lynn Martin, Ernestine McElroy, Zachary McMickens, Betty Minto, Ann Nicolson, Jenny Oveson, Mary Owen, John Porter, Steve Reams, Susan Schlichting, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Malcolm Warren, Billy Wiik, Ann Wilson, Andy Whar-ton, Ronnie Wright and our military members: Ashton Rubio, Stuart Rubio.





CENTRAL MIDTOWN  
**FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
& TACO TAILGATE COOK-OFF



**TACO TAILGATE COOK-OFF**

**CRAFTS & GAMES**

**ALABAMA & AUBURN GAME DAY WATCH ZONES**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**COSTUME CONTEST**

**KID ZONE**

**ART & MAKERS  
MARKET**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**10 TO 3 • RAIN OR SHINE**



A vibrant block-party-style festival bringing together art, tacos, family fun, Alabama & Auburn game-day tailgates, and community for a purpose. Come hungry, come playful — and come ready to support!



**CENTRAL MIDTOWN**  
**1260 DAUPHIN STREET**  
[centralmidtown.org](http://centralmidtown.org)



# September 2025

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**Parents**  
**Night Out**

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**Sunday Schools**  
**Worship**  
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**Youth Group**  
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**Chancel**  
**Choir**

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**Writing**  
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**Balance**  
**Class**

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**choirs**  
**Youth Group**

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**Painting**  
**Pals**  
  
**Balance**  
**Class**

**Sunday Schools @ 9:00**  
**Worship @ 10:30**  
**Youth Singers & Children's Choir @ 5:00**  
**Youth, Children & Parents Dinner @ 6:00**