

## Spring Hill Messenger

**MAY 2025** 



Dear Saints of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! As people of the resurrection, we are reminded again and again that God is always bringing forth new life—from empty tombs. from worn paths, and from within the hearts of God's people. Easter is not just one Sunday of joyful proclamation; it is a whole season—and truly a way of life.

At Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, we are entering a season of new beginnings—not just in word but in purpose. This Easter season, we are launching a new initiative grounded in listening: listening for God's voice by listening to one another, listening to our church family, and listening to our broader community.

As we look to the future and begin shaping a shared vision for SHPC, we want that vision to grow out of honest, Spirit-led conversations. A vision that will strengthen our worship, education, mission, fellowship, and spiritual practices in ways that draw us closer to one another, closer to God, and make our presence more vital and faithful in the world around us.

To do this, we need your voice. Over the next few months, we will be gathering input in a variety of ways:

- A Suggestion Box will be placed in the hallway for you to share your hopes, insights, and ideas.
- We'll be forming Listening Groups where members can gather in small circles to share stories, concerns, and dreams.
- There will be a short **online surveys** for those who prefer to offer feedback digitally.

I will also continue meeting with local non-profits and community leaders to learn more about our neighbors' needs.

We invite you to be part of this journey as well. Talk to your Family, ask your friends, your neighbors:

- What are the greatest needs in our community?
- What do they wish a church like SHPC might do or be?
- What role could SHPC play in meeting those needs and witnessing God's love in action?

And yes—what might be time for us to let go of, to make space for something new?

This season is not just about gathering data—it's about cultivating discernment. We are listening for how God is already at work in our midst and how we might follow more faithfully.

The insights and reflections gathered during this time will help shape the foundation of what's next. In late summer, our Session and Diaconate will come together for an officer retreat, where we will reflect on what we've heard and begin to discern and plan a vision for our church's ministry.

So bring your ideas, questions, and prayers. Together, let's listen for the Spirit's movement and walk forward into the new life that Christ offers.

With Easter joy and hope,

Rev. Brandon E. Miles

#### RECEPTION FOR DR. RANDALL SHEETS

There will be a reception in honor of Dr. Randy Sheets following worship on May 18, in the Fellowship Hall. This will be Randy's last service as our Music Director. We wish him health and happiness in his retirement. You are invited to bring your favorite finger food to share. Please sign up in the hall so we will know how many to plan for. Please contact Susan Tomlinson for more information. Be on the look out for more ways to give thank & show appreciation for Randy, & his ministry coming soon.



# Celebrating Daniel McGough Excellence in Engineering and Discipleship

We are proud to celebrate and congratulate our own **Daniel McGough**, who was recently named **Outstanding Engineer of the Year** by the ASCE



Mobile Branch during the Mobile Area Council of Engineers awards banquet. This prestigious award recognizes Daniel's exceptional contributions to the field of civil engineering and his commitment to leadership and excellence.

What makes this recognition even more meaningful for us is knowing that Daniel brings the same dedication, integrity, and care to his work within our church community. As the chair of our Facilities Committee, Daniel has faithfully served behind the scenes—checking in on the building, identifying maintenance needs, and ensuring our facilities are safe, functional, and welcoming.

He has organized our Yeoman workdays, rallying volunteers to come together in the spirit of service to tackle projects around the church. He has personally addressed plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and other vital needs—often without fanfare, always with generosity and grace.

Daniel's care for our church home is more than a task list—it is a form of **discipleship**, a living witness to what it means to serve God with the gifts we've been given. We are deeply grateful for his leadership, his skill, and most of all, his heart for this congregation.

#### WECCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS





Christine and Andy Mitchell.

Christine is retired and has joined us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Andy works for the Mobile County Public Schools and joined by Profession of Faith. They are pictured with their grandson, Shiloh. Mary and Jeff Holmes. Mary and Jeff have been attending Spring Hill for sometime now and have been active in yeoman's work and the Current Issues Sunday School class. Both have been church officers at previous churches. Mary is a Software Development Business Analyst III with her company, Agilify LLC. With his company, Availity LLC, Jeff is an Application Software Security Architect III. Their children Kathryn (7, Collier Elementary School) and Thomas (12, Denton Magnet School) are involved in the children's music programs and youth



#### Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

#### Income & Expenditures by Week

	1/1 - 1/6/25	1/7 - 1/13/25				JANUARY	YTD
sh Received	24,431.00	8,100.34	3,766.15	61,829.00		98,126.49	98,126.49
sh Expended		(17,346.13)	(19,488.50)	(1,182.25)		(38,016.88)	(38,016.88)
	24,431.00	(9,245.79)	(15,722.35)	60,646.75	-	60,109.61	60,109.61
	1/28 - 2/3/25	2/4 - 2/10/25	2/11 - 2/17/25*	2/18 - 2/24/25	2/25 - 2/28/25	FEBRUARY	YTD
ash Received	52,772.34	18,553.71	1,164.90	24,917.04	4,654.87	102,062.86	200,189.35
ash Expended	(15,589.77)	(19,460.55)	(32,066.22)	40.01	(16,115.53)	(83,192.06)	(121,208.94 )
	37,182.57	(906.84)	(30,901.32)	24,957.05	(11,460.66)	18,870.80	78,980.41
	3/1 - 3/10/25	3/11 - 3/17/25	3/18 - 3/24/25	3/25 - 3/31/25		MARCH	YTD
ash Received	29,278.24	23,409.95				52,688.19	252,877.54
ash Expended	(38,517.15)	(17,146.36)				(55,663.51)	(1 <b>76</b> ,872.45 )
	(9,238.91)	6,263.59	-	-	_	(2,975.32)	76,005.09

### Attendance Record for April

<u>In Person</u>		<u>Online</u>
April 6	186	103
April 13	174	82
April 20	280	135
April 27	132	57

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#### **Current Issues**

May 4 — Graduation Sunday. All gather in the Bullard Building for breakfast and to celebrate our young people graduating to the next chapter in their lives.

May 11, Current Issues — "Called to a Vocation of Service." Maria Brutkiewicz shares information about the many opportunities for women to improve their lives through Lifelines Counseling Services. Maria currently works with the Rape Crisis Center component of the organization.

May 11 — Let's celebrate Marcy Harris' 100th Birthday! The Congregation is invited for birthday cake in Fellowship Hall following worship. A basket will be provided for collecting birthday cards for Marcy.

May 14, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Celebration — All women in the congregation are invited to participate in our 10:00 worship service in the sanctuary that Wednesday morning, followed by a delicious salad luncheon in Fellowship Hall. You don't have to be in a circle to participate. Come share the joy!

May 18 — No Current Issues Class due to preparations for Randy Sheets Retirement Reception in Fellowship Hall following worship.

May 25 — No Current Issues Class (Memorial Day Weekend)



#### Religious Arts

BONSAI TOUR: During our last summer series, Joe Day came to talk about the Art of Bonsai and offered to host our group at his garden in the future. We have a date with him for May 10 at 10 am for a tour of the garden including his hundreds of special trees. We can meet at the church behind the chapel at 9:30 that day to carpool to his home. The address is 960 Wesley Avenue which is behind the Texas Roadhouse on Airport Blvd. Please sign up to let us know you will be coming either as carpool or meet there. This is an outdoor activity, so we will reschedule if inclement weather interferes.



#### **U-Kirk Mobile**

Come celebrate our graduates and explore *Finding Your Purpose* with U-Kirk Mobile on **May 18th at 1pm!** Join us for lunch and a meaningful Bible study on discovering God's purpose for your life. It's the perfect way to reflect, connect, and grow together as we celebrate this special milestone. We'll be gathering at 191 Selena Ct., Saraland, AL 36571. Be sure to RSVP by texting or emailing Patrick Jacobs at 251-259-7429 or <a href="mailto:patrickhjacobs@gmail.com">patrickhjacobs@gmail.com</a>. Don't miss out—let's discover purpose and celebrate the journey!

**GRADUATION SUNDAY** will be May 4. Join us at 9:00 am to celebrate our high school seniors at our Senior Breakfast.

If you have a graduate (from high school, college, or other program), please let Marcia know at mar-

cia@springhillpresbyterian.org, so we can include them in our June and July Newsletter. We will need what school they are graduating from and future plans. If it is a higher education degree we will need that also. Deadline is May 22.

## CHILDREN'S END OF THE YEAR POOL PARTY

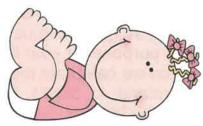
Reverand Brandon and Sarah Miles have invited the families of children 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to a POOL PARTY



and supper at their house. Sunday, May 10 from 3:00-6:00 pm. The address is 1609 Indian Trail Dr/(Sugar Creek) Please let Susan Tomlinson know if your family can attend by May 8, so Susan can get an accurate number of attendees. <a href="mailto:susan48tomlinson@gmail.com">susan48tomlinson@gmail.com</a> 251-209 -0792, or call the church office 251-342-1550

**WE REJOICE** with Ryan & Margaret Sheets on the birth of their daughter, Mattie Louise Sheets on April 9, 2025, in Atlanta GA. The grandparents are Vera Lynn & Randy Sheets.

**WE REJOICE** with Samuel & Sarah Katherine Elmore on the birth of their daughter, Mary Coaker Elmore on April 2, 2025. The grandparents are Sarah & Danny Clarke.



### Memorials

Bron Dixon Andy Harper Betty Jackson Johnny Langus
Steve Ledbetter Margie Wikle Spaulding Billy McLean

Randy & Vera Lynn Sheets Susan Abrams Mary Lena Harper

Sherrill Kay Arnold Andy & Judy Falls Sally Haywood

Bron's Tones Quartet Fyke Farmer Molly Wagner

Buff & Ken Brown Jean Louise Gettys Janie Sims

Carlos & Harold Parkman J Russel Goodloe Sam Strada

Lisa & John Craft Mark & Judy Weaver Dale Hair

Linda Durham-Warner Tad & Carolyn Wikle

Kathleen Robbins & cousin Katy Lynn & Ellen Robinson Womble

Steven & Mary Kesser Bryant Sherrill Kay Arnold

Jonathon, Raven & Elliot Stella Lisa, John, Sarah, Jonathon, & Maddie Craft

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF the congregation are with Randy & Vera Lynn Sheets, upon the death of his aunt, Mavis Johnson on April 2, 2025, in Griffin Ga.

**THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF** the congregation are with the family of Betty Jackson upon her death on April 17.



#### **Prayer List**

Margaret Armtrout, Ted Autterson, Barbara Beach, Cammie Belue, Frank Callahan, John Carr, Lanier Cauley, Janet Clarke, Jamie Crawford, Cathi Dagley, Chrissy Ennen, Ruth Fitzgerald, Mary Lee Franks, Gwen Greer, Ann Hafner, Charles Hall, Bill Harris, Marcy Harris, Lauren Henson, Peyton Harvill, Bill Layfield, Paula Letterman, Kay Korb, Jacque Marrero, Lynn Martin, Ernestine McElroy, Betty Minto, Ann Nicolson, Mary Owen, Susan Schlichting, Pat Stoll, Carol Sumrall, Gayle Underwood, Johnny Walton, Babs Warren, Billy Wiik, Ann Wilson, Andy Wharton, Ronnie Wright





# May 2025

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Worship Reception For	MBA Rehears-	Painting Pals Session	Congregational Care	Newsletter Deadline				
Randy's Retire-		Diaconate MSC Banquet		Spiritual Writ-				
ment				ing Group				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
Worship	Memorial Day	Painting Pals			Easter Seals			
	Office Closed				Graduation			