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From the Pastor

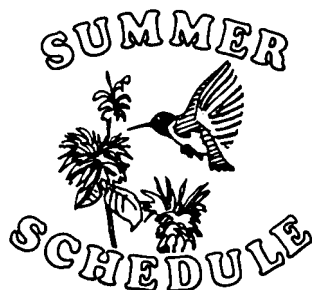
Every Christian is a minister and every Christian has a special, God-given way to share the Good News. One opportunity we have at Spring Hill to express our faith and the charge we're given is through the Stephen Ministry program. Starting Sunday, May 1, a training class will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the small parlor. I encourage you to consider attending and discover whether God is asking you to serve His church in this way. For details, call Margaret Miller. She'll be delighted to talk to you and help you to discern if Stephen Ministry just may be what God wants you to do.

The month of May will also bring other special events: Youth Sunday on the 15th at the 11:00 a.m. service and the Children's Musical on the 22nd at *both* services. We go to one service, 10:00 a.m., on May 29 with a picnic following.

It's been a spring we won't soon forget – so many very special events have been ours. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say we're extremely fortunate to have the commitment within the congregation to support the programs, festivals, and services which are ours. Through it all our prayer remains that God will be glorified and Christ exalted.

Yours in Him,
Norman

**The Lord's Supper will be
celebrated in worship on
Sunday, May 29.**



**The Summer Schedule will
begin Sunday, May 29 with
worship at 10:00 a.m. and
Christian Education classes
at 9:00 a.m.**

Molly's Musings **"Investing Spiritually"**

Have you ever been to see your financial advisor and had him or her say to you, "I don't really think you need to invest your money. No, why don't you just go out and spend everything you've made on whatever you want. Investing is not necessary or important and really just a ridiculous thing to do. Don't worry about the future. Everything will work out – it always does." ??? If your financial planner has ever said this to you, I hope you got up and walked out of the meeting. I would venture to say that most of us understand that investing is a not only important but a must. It's a basic fact of life. We must save and invest for our futures.

If you watch any news program or read any newspaper you have undoubtedly questioned what is wrong with our youth today. A school shooting here a sniper killing there. I can guarantee you most of the troubles teens face are directly linked to the fact that the adults in their lives have failed to invest in them. We live in a society where adults are too busy or too apathetic or too dysfunctional themselves to pour time, love, and energy into young people. The result is a generation of youth that struggle: struggle to belong, struggle to accept themselves, struggle to feel loved, struggle to achieve, struggle to be content. This struggle manifests itself in all kinds of negative ways: depression, violence, eating disorders, etc.

The good news is that there are exceptions to this trend. This past weekend at Festival of Faith, you proved, as a congregation, that you are willing to invest in the spiritual development of our young people. While Travis Crim had a message we all desperately needed to hear, he especially appealed to the youth of our church. You see, our young people are not only presently part of the church but they are also the future of the church. Just as we would be foolish not to invest our money we would also

be foolish not to invest in our youth. By providing a speaker this weekend that could grab their attention and speak on their level, you HAVE done just that. The truth that was spoken to them by Travis has and will continue to transform their lives. There is no doubt that the Holy Spirit was at work throughout the weekend, and I have already seen the youth putting into action what they learned.

When we invest in our youth as a congregation, we are not only investing in the future of our church but also in our community, country and world. The young people we are currently nurturing will one day be parents, business men and women, politicians, church members and volunteers, community leaders, and world changers for the cause of Christ. Not to sound dramatic, but just as we can't afford not to invest our personal resources we also can't afford not to invest in our youth. Our future depends on it.

Don't get me wrong, investing always has a price. It may mean you can't buy the expensive car you wanted or go on a shopping spree with wild abandon. When you invest in our youth you may have to sacrifice your Sunday nights to be a youth leader or your Sunday morning sleep to be a Sunday School teacher or have a Festival of Faith that might not necessarily appeal to your own taste and intellect. I am thankful that we are a church that embraces these sacrifices willingly and joyfully. I pray that we will continue to change the world by spiritually investing in our youth.

Yours in Christ,
Molly

P.S. Please join us for Youth Sunday on May 15th at the 11:00 service only.

Bibles for and About Children

Two new additions to the children's Bible collection are featured this month.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S STORY BIBLE, illustrated by children around the world. – two special features highlight this edition of scripture (1) a single page story on one side with (2) an artistic rendition of the story opposite it. Various countries and children of all ages have made contributions. This book is to share with one child or several, perhaps even to encourage a child's own depiction of the story.



ILLUSTRATED STUDY BIBLE FOR KIDS using the Holman Christian Standard translation certainly has illustrations although they include those more associated with standard ones seen in other young people's Bibles. What makes this addition "study-worthy" are the extra pages detailing books of the Bible, route of the Exodus, Musical Instruments, the names of God, Bible Skills for individual grade levels and many more...

This Bible would help those teaching elementary children as much as it would help young readers discover scripture for themselves.

As always if asked to help with worship, teach a class or say a prayer, come to the library for help and references. Appointments are available anytime for those consultations.

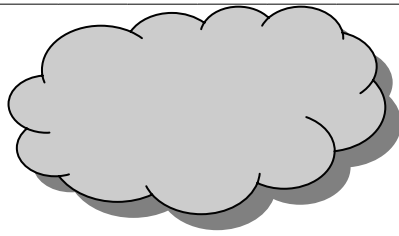
Remember; "Think Library first!"

From the Worship Committee

The Worship Committee wishes to thank the congregation for its participation in the Lenten prayer tree project. More than 425 ribbons were tied on the tree, each one representing a prayer made by someone in our congregation. In addition, the idea was shared with churches in the presbytery and in Pensacola, so that in the coming year there will be many prayer trees in churches throughout South Alabama and the panhandle of Florida. It is the committee's hope that this project enhanced your spiritual Lenten Journey.

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars now for our annual church picnic which will be a Fish Fry! It will be on May 29 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. There will be delicious food and fun for the whole family. Tables and chairs will be available for our seniors but bring blankets and folding chairs if you prefer more casual seating. Cost is Adult \$4.00, child \$2.00, Family Max \$20.00. Call the church office for reservations, sign up on the reservation sheet in the hall, or use the tear-off in the bulletins.



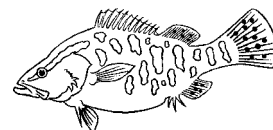
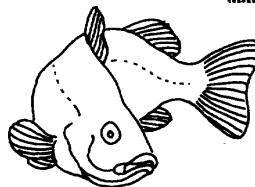
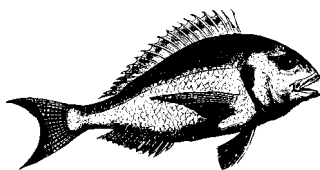
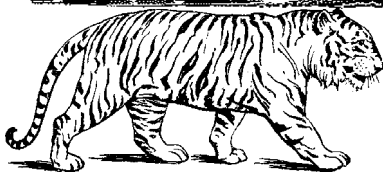
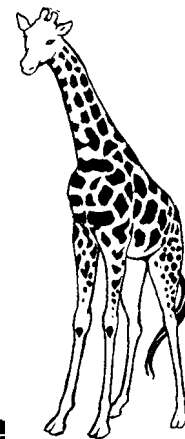
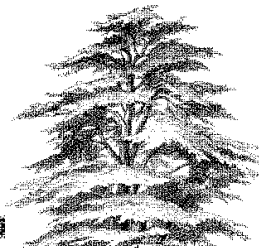
It's Good!

by Kathleen Hart Brumm
Accompaniments arranged by Barbara J. Rogers

A musical about the creation

Presented by our children's choirs

Sunday, May 22
8:30 and 11:00



Presbyterian Women Activities

Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team will meet on Wednesday, May 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

The annual Birthday Luncheon and Officer Installation of the Presbyterian Women will be Wednesday, May 11. The meeting will begin in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. with lunch following in the Fellowship Hall. Tom Boone will give the lesson. Please make reservations through your Circle Chairpersons or call the church office.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

AL/MS Women's conference will be held July 26-29 in Jackson, MS.

Congratulations to our Graduates

We have been notified of the following members of SHPC who will be graduating this spring:

High School:

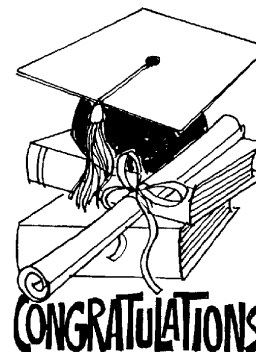
Machel Weinacker
Sheva Hafizi
Ryan Wikle
Emily McLeod
Chad Solomon
Austin Hamlin
Mallory Boykin
Mitchell Lord
Kristen Levi

College:

Amy Autterson
Sarah Yeager
Sarah Martino
Jason Strada
Jennifer Moses
Ashley McLeod

Graduate School:

Kimberly Perkins



Pictorial directories available

Pictorial Directories are ready and available in the church office. One per family whether you had your picture made or not. Please get yours today and speak to those folks you never knew.

First Thursday Lunch

First Thursday Lunch will be May 5. Join us at 11:45 a.m. for fellowship and a delicious meal. Please call the church office to make reservations or use the tear-off in the bulletin.

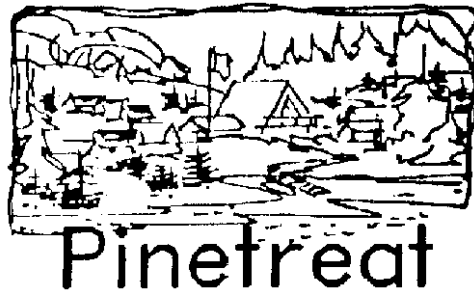
One Great Hour of Sharing offering

The total received from the One Great Hour of Sharing was \$2,031.00.

Camp Pinetreat

Schedule for 2005 Summer Camp

June 13-15 "Footsteps" (Rising 1-2 Graders)
June 13-18 "Beginnings" (Rising 2-3 Graders)
June 20-25 "G.A.S." (Rising 4-6 Graders)
(Stands for Games, Aquatics, Sports)
June 27-July 2 "Night Owl" (Rising 7-8 Graders)
July 11-15 "GRAnD" (Rising 5-8 Graders)
(Stands for Girls, Rhythm, Art and Drama)
July 18-23 "Journey" (Rising 3-4 Graders)
July 25-30 "Pathways" (Rising 5-8 Graders)



THANK YOU



Each month on one Thursday morning, our newsletter folders gather to fold, label, sort and prepare our newsletter for mailing to the congregation. They are a dedicated, enthusiastic and fun group who enjoy this time together.

Many thanks to Vi Howard, Frances and Duncan McDonald, Ruth Coats, Doris McGowan, Donna Smith, Linda Fletcher, Harriett Pennington, Tommye Miller, Edith Cox, Lucille Carpenter, and Mary Lou Kopf.

Thanks also to Dan and Laura Sellers, Ti Amo and Al E. Cat who edit, scan, organize and print our newsletter! We are grateful for your time and service to the church.

Cephas Stern Update

Sara Coats has received a letter from Cephas which she would like to share with the congregation:

Sister Sara,

Well, happy to hear from you again. You are always in our thoughts/prayers.

We continue to rejoice in that life-long friendship we share with your family and Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. Please tell me a little about yourself and Mr. Coats in our next letter. Our children are all ok. The eldest one has just finished college and is job hunting. He did mechanical engineering. The second is still in college and the youngest, (the tallest) is in his last year of High School. I did tell you that Hyacinth got her MA in primary education. She is ok.

Our church is doing well except that I have far too many (5).

All the best,
Cephas

**We're looking for
adventurers like you!**

At Serengeti Trek Vacation Bible School, you'll have wild fun! You'll pounce on exciting Bible adventures, make awesome crafts, eat tasty treats, sing cool songs, and play amazing games.

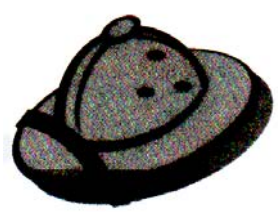


**The adventure begins soon...
so grab your gear and let's go!**

Where: Spring Hill Presbyterian Church

When: August 1st—5th

**Contact: Marty O'Gwynn - 343-5670 or
Kelley Lamberth - 343-5733**



Complete the form below and return it to the church office:

Child's name _____
& age: _____

Parent's name: _____

Home phone: _____

Work or cell# _____

Allergies/medical: _____



We rejoice with Tim and Mary Keese Finnorn in the birth of a daughter, Sara Sims Finnorn, on April 11 (Grandparents are Larry and Nancy Sims) and with Mike and Laura Reid in the birth of a son, Thomas Allen, on April 19.



death shall
no longer
have
dominion

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Harriet Nihart in the death of her mother, Elise Nihart, on March 29; with Ree Scott in the death of her husband, Charlie, on March 30 and with Robert Weaver in the death of his brother-in-law, Hubbert James "Lank" Wright, on April 15.

Memorials

*Memorials have been received
for the following:*

Hosea Weaver
Howard and Marilyn Mathis
Elise Nihart
Charlie Scott
James Derks

From the following:

John and Ken Peavy
Norma Bassett
Marcia and Ted Auttersen
Madeline and William Carl
Sam and Judy Strada
Paul and Ramona Weaver
Roland and Gwin Williams
Katherine McConnell
Duncan and Frances McDonald

Virginia Farnell
Mary Ehman
Burns and Sammie Moore
Martha McCarty
Charles Commiskey
R. C. Vickers, Jr. Family
Earl Hollingshead
Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyd Reeves
Kathryn and Robert Enfinger
Robert and Mary Ann Donnell
Vilma and Joe Croom
Chris Sotus
Sam and Yarmilla Brumfield
Emilia Belcolore
Linda Belcolore
Helen Wells
Gladys Barton
Frances Curry
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bullock
Jean and Arthur Williams, Jr.

Lectionary for the Lord's Day

May 2005

- 1 *6th Sunday of Easter*
Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8-20;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
- 8 *7th Sunday of Easter*
Acts 1:6-14; Ps.68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11; John 17:1-113
- 15 *Day of Pentecost*
Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-31
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 or
Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or
John 7:37-39
- 22 *Trinity Sunday*
Gen. 1:1-2:4a; Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13
Matt 28:16-20
- 29 *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Gen. 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19; Ps. 46
Rom. 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 (29-31);
Matt. 7:21-29

*Thought
for the month*



**Laughter is the sun
that drives winter from
the human face.**

Victor Hugo

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Church Calendar

May 2005

- 2 Committees
- 4 Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team – 9:30 a.m.
- 5 1st Thursday Lunch – 11:45 am.
- 6-7 Youth Council Retreat
- 9 Diaconate/Session – 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Men's Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.
- 11 Presbyterian Women's General Meeting and Spring Luncheon – 10:30 a.m.
- 12-13 Mother's Day Out and Weekday School Music Program – Noon
- 15 Senior Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.
Youth Sunday – 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Presbytery Meeting at SHPC – 3 Presbyteries
- 22 Children's Musical – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
- 29 Lord's Supper
Church Picnic (following the 10:00 a.m. service)
- 30 Church Office Closed

Editors: Dan and Laura Sellers
screaming, "Mayday"
from Ti Amo and Al E.
Cat.

