



# SPRING HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Subject: SHBC Utica Update  
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To: SHBC Membership

Today I bring you an update about our Spring Hills Baptist Church – Utica campus. Early in 2017, Spring Hills Baptist Church was gifted the property and building that was formerly First Baptist Church-Utica. After much prayer and discernment at that time, our Elders believed this was an opportunity to launch our first satellite campus. Five clear goals were set in place to be able to determine the best way forward for SHBC – Utica. Pastor Jeff Houghton took the lead as campus pastor.

Now, after many months of extensive review and prayer, our Elders have decided to transition SHBC Utica from a satellite campus to a church plant. Utica has agreed to carry on as an independent organization with Pastor Jeff Houghton serving as Sr. Pastor. SHBC-Granville will release the facility and property to the leadership of the new organization.

This transition will take place by October 1, 2020. We will continue to assist financially and with administrative and facility services until then. Pastor Jeff Houghton will continue on staff at SHBC Granville through December 31, 2020.

We are excited for this group of believers to continue an evangelistic presence in the Utica area. We continue to pray and trust the Lord to lead the way for Pastor Jeff Houghton and this congregation. We look forward to a celebration as we launch this new church in Utica this Fall.

In Christ,

Pastor Tom Pound