

First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

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<u>Custodian</u> Rhonda Purtle As we come into May, we get ready to celebrate Mother's Day on May 10th. As I was thinking about Mother's Day I found this little article entitled: "What is a Mother?" I hope you enjoy it.

Somewhere between the youthful energy of a teenager and the golden years of a woman's life, there lives a marvelous and loving person known as "Mother." A

mother is a curious mixture of patience, kindness, understanding, discipline, industriousness, purity and love. A mother can be at one and the same, both "lovelorn counselor" to a heartsick daughter, and "head soccer coach" to an athletic son.

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A mother is the only creature on earth who can cry when she's happy, laugh when she's heartbroken, and work when she's feeling ill. A mother is as gentle as a lamb and as strong as a giant. Only a mother can appear so weak and helpless and yet be the same one who puts the fruit jar cover on so tightly even Dad can't get it off.

A mother is a picture of helplessness when Dad is near, and a marvel of resourcefulness when she's all alone. A mother has the angelic voice of a member in the celestial choir as she sings Braham's lullaby to a babe held tight in her arms; yet this same voice can dwarf the sound of an amplifier when she calls her kids in for supper, or cheers them on at a game.

A mother has the fascinating ability to be almost everywhere at once and she alone can somehow squeeze an enormous amount of living into an average day.

A mother is "old fashioned" to her teenager; just "Mom" to her third-grader, and simply "Mama" to the little two-year old. But there is hardly a thrill in life that can compete to pointing to that wonderful woman and be able to say to all the world, "That's my mother!"

I know for many of you, Mother's Day is difficult. For some, it's because children weren't possible. For others, Mom is no longer physically present for you to honor. But on our journey in this life there are very few individuals that shape our journey more than Mom. This month we have an opportunity to celebrate our mothers. One way that you can do this is to make a gift in her honor to the TN Baptist Children's Home during the Mother's Day Offering.

Moms, we honor you!

Bro. JO

Happy 10th Anniversary of Service, Bro. J C & Patty, on May 25! We love you and thank God for you!

Church Library News

May

We read this article and thought it was something for all of us to think about.

Stay open to new ideas for at least five (5) minutes. Don't try it for an entire day because you will almost panic. Just take on five minutes at a time. When something new or unexpected happens, don't respond with an immediate NOPE - NEVERY - NO! Wait 5 minutes. Tolerate the possibility for 5 minutes. You could be surprised at the benefit of being open those 300 seconds.

God might be telling us something He wants us to know.

Isaiah 43:19 Behold I will do something new, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it?

Here are a few books from our Library...

<u>Breakfast With Jesus</u> by Greg Laurie. Start your day with Jesus and His disciples. Learn the spiritual lessons He entrusted to His closest friends. The author encourages us to see Jesus through the eyes of His disciples - as a living, breathing, ever-present friend, mentor, and teacher. Eighty four devotional chapters give us insight into the person of Jesus, the teaching of Jesus, and the promises of Jesus. This book is nourishment for the soul.

<u>The Gift of Forgiveness</u> by Charles Stanley. The author shares the key to forgiveness. He emphasizes how the lack of forgiveness can result in separation, bitterness, enmity, indifference, and even depression. Often an unforgiving and unforgiven attitude can become a focused grievance and cause us to lose control. You have within you the power to forgive and be healed an to be set free to live your life to the fullest.

<u>Our Unmet Needs</u> by Charles Stanley. The author focuses on the root causes of why our needs go unfulfilled. He confronts the habits and addictions that separate us from God's plan and teaches us how to throw aside our self-reliance and trust God to meet our needs and enrich our lives.

Yours in Christ.

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

May Birthdays

- 1 Luella Elsner 4 Charles England
- Michelle Proctor
- 7 Charleston Guirguis
- 8 Audrey Vaughn
- 9 Braden Smith10 Rebecca Ihim
- Shirley Burns
- 11 Deanie Moore13 Tommy Usery
- 13 Tommy Usery15 Terry Wilkins
- Rietta Smith
 Pippa Howland

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- Brennan Johnson
- 17 Jacob Robinson
- 19 Patty Christian Austin Walker
- 20 Crystal Vaughn
- 21 Colton Capley
- 22 Bill Schneider Jon Andre Lucyara Usery
- 23 Mary Blake
- 24 Ainsley Easton
- 25 Danny Sharp26 Vivian Ihim
- Ana Payne
- 31 Nick LaRose





Worship Quote of the Month

Here is a hymn from the 9th century written for Pentecost:

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, And kindle with celestial fire; Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above Is comfort, life and fire of love' Enable with perpetual light The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face With the abundance of thy grace; Keep far our foes; give peace at home; Where thou art guide, no ill can come Teach us to know the Father, Son, And thee, of both, to be but one; That through the ages all along Thy praise may be our endless song:

"Praise to they eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS, attributed to Rabanus Maurus, 9th century; English translation by John Cosin, 1627.

~ Bro. Nick, Minister of Music

Coming Events in May:

Sunday morning, May 3rd, Boyd College Vocal Band in concert from Louisville, KY.

Sunday Morning, May 31st, Bruce & Lisa Wethey leading in worship.

**We will be collecting a Love Offering both Sundays.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		ka E			1	9 am FAITH Riders Ride for Life
3 10 am Boyce Vocal Band in Concert	4	5 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	6	7 National Day of PRAYER	8	9 8 am Men's Breakfast
5:30 pm AWANA- last night to recite verses	6 pm Ladies' Bible Study		6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study		
10 Happy Nother's Day!	11	12 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	13 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship	14 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	15	16 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast
NO AWANA	6 pm Ladies' Bible Study		6:30pm Business Mtg.		6:30 pm Family Connection	5 pm AWANA Leaders Recognition Dinner
17	18	19	20	21 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	22	23
4 pm AWANA - Story Night - Awards Ceremony 6 pm		June Newsletter Articles due in office	6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.			6 pm Ladies' Dinner (Sponsored by the Baptist Men)
24 Pentecost	Memorial Day	26	27 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	28 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	29	30
31 Celebration Sunday! Special Musical Guests	10%	Schedule of Service Sunday Worship - 10:00 a		Wednes Childre	day) nm

31 Celebration Sunday! Special Musical Guests in morning svc. Fellowship Meal after Morning Worship 5-7 pm Youth Sonic

5-7 pm Youth Sonic Night No Evening Service



Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School - 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 pm Discipleship Training - 5:00 pm AWANA - 5:30 - 7:00 pm Worship & Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm

Children in Action - 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm Instrumental Rehearsal

The Church in Action



Men's Breakfast Saturday, May 9 8:00 am

All men & boys invited (Fellowship Hall)

Ladies' Breakfast Saturday, May 16, 8:30 am In the Fellowship Hall bring a breakfast dish to share





Cracker Barrel Fellowship Wednesday, May 13 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

Financial Peace University: We have just finished our 11th session of FPU here at FBC. Five families ended up completing the course and as always, it is amazing to see what God will do for a family who decides to live-and give -intentionally. Thank you for your prayers and



a very special thank you to the following folks: Carrie Hull, Meredith Warren, Tyler Robinson, Amy Easton, Gail Zill, and Misty Gentry, who volunteered their time to watch kiddos during the class. Spring Hill's demographic is 2/3 young families, so to do effective ministry in Spring Hill, that means child care is vital and we honestly could not offer this class with out it. So, THANK YOU guys for stepping up to walk alongside us this spring as we fulfill what God has called us to do here.

~ Peace, Bruce and Julie Hull

Celebration Sunday! May 31

Join us at 10:00 am for a morning of Celebration honoring the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of FBCSH, the 30th Anniversary of our current location, and the

10th Anniversary of Service for our Pastor, Bro. J.C. The Celebration will begin in Worship with musical guests, Bruce & Lisa Wethey, a time of remembrance led by the Deacons, followed by a covered dish dinner. Bring entrees, side dishes, and desserts; the church will provide bread and tea. (There will be no evening service). Mark your calendar - you don't want to miss this special day of Celebration!



Update

Future Growth Funding

\$148,870.24 in a Construction Acct. at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank \$373,2647.05 in a Building Fund at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Family



Family Connection: Friday, May 15 at 6:30 pm. Join us this month for a kid friendly progressive dinner. We're meeting at McAllister's Deli in Spring Hill for supper. Afterwards, we'll head to FBC for dessert. Eat some Goldfish $^{\text{TM}}$ at home before you come and voila! A 3 course meal at 3 different locations! *Coming this Summer:* Slip and slides, cookouts, canoe trips and watermelon - don't miss the fun!

Family Connection at FBC is a group of young(ish) families who come together monthly (on the 3rd Friday night) for fellowship and fun. We purose to love, support and pray for each other. Come join us! We still need a family to co-coordinate this group. Please contact Julie Hull for event info or to find out how you can help (615.476.9522 or juliemhull@live.com).



Lifeline Memory Verses 2015 May Verses

May 4-10: Romans 8:38-39, For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither, the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, wil be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May 11-17: Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May 18-24: Revelation 3:20, Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.

May 25-31: Acts 16:31, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!!! June 1-5, 2015 8:45 am-12:00 pm

The theme this year is "Fun Run". Come run the happiest, most fun-filled VBS which begins at 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Follow the race route through Bible Studies, Worship & Drama, Craftivities, Games, and more; all to encourage our kids to run and finish the most important race of

all...the pathway to salvation in Christ. **Workers are needed!** Individual age group teachers will not be responsible for the Bible story each day; the Bible story will be taught at a Station just like craftivities, recreation, etc. Please see Patty Welch (615.308.9114) to volunteer for this week of special blessings!

More Events Coming in May (details currently not available)...

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- Bruce & Lisa Musicians on May 31 (Love Offering)
- Ladies' Banquet (hosted by the Men)

Check the Sunday Bulletin & your email for updates on these events!