

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

January 2015

5219 Main Street  
PO Box 669  
Spring Hill TN 37174

Office

615.302.2027

Fax

615.302.1196

Email

[fbcshn@bellsouth.net](mailto:fbcshn@bellsouth.net)

Web Site

[www.fbspringhill.com](http://www.fbspringhill.com)

Pastor

[J. C. Christian](#)

Youth Minister

[Josh Howland](#)

Music Minister

[Nick Campbell](#)

Ministry Assistant

[Paula Zimmer](#)

Pianist

Kaye Schneider

Custodian

Rhonda Purtle

I suppose that it is natural that most of us are glad to see an old year depart and a new year come in. The symbolism of the old year, as it departs, is an old man, tottering with a cane as he leaves our presence. On the other hand, the new year enters our presence symbolized by a fresh, innocent baby who is filled with life.



The year 2014, as it passes before us, had its triumphs and its tragedies. Nevertheless, the new year, 2015, stands before us with unlimited possibilities.

As we enter into this year of 2015, let me give you a couple of verses that will help us face the new year. Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14, *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Paul is telling us that there are some things we need to put behind us. We should put behind us our past successes. Too often we let the Devil infect us with pride concerning our past successes, to the point that all we do is brag about the past and do nothing in the present. We need to put our past successes behind so that we might do even more for the Lord.

We also need to put behind us our past failures. Too often we allow those failures to weigh us down and hinder our spiritual growth. As we stand on the brink of a new year, we need to obtain forgiveness for our failures and then put them behind us. No matter what kind of failure we thought we have been, God can and will use us if we will simply ask Him.

There are some things we need to strive toward also. Paul says we need to reach forward to those things ahead. No doubt, many of us have some goals that we would like to see accomplished this year. Yet, isn't it sad that the majority will face 2015 with no spiritual goals? If we intend to do something for God this year, then we need to set some goals that will set us on track. Seek to make this year a year of spiritual growth.

The drawing of a new year promises not only the good, but inevitably the bad. So, in order to make it through the year we need to rely on Christ. As one looks at the life of the Apostle Paul, one could easily ask, "How did he make it through those days of difficulty?" His reply would be found in Philippians 4:13, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Acknowledge your dependence and reliance on Him as you enter this new year.

*Bro J*

## Church Library News

## January Birthdays

### January - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A great way to start the new year is with the resolution to read God's Word and by doing it everyday, we automatically make it HABIT.

We know it's not easy to set aside time every day, but God's Word is helping us know Him and learn how to love and serve Him and other people. We receive knowledge, patience, kindness, and most importantly, God's love and blessings. So, read - read - read! It's a good habit.

Here are a few books about God's amazing grace from our Library...

**How To Listen To God** by Charles Stanley. This author shares personal lessons in listening from his own life and discusses:

- 4 reasons God speaks today
- 4 ways God speaks to us
- 5 Scriptural guidelines for recognizing God's voice
- 12 attitudes that enable us to listen to God
- 10 hindrances to hearing God

**Jesus, The One and Only** by Beth Moore. This is far more than a work on the life of Christ Jesus. The One and Only is a romance and you are invited to become part of it. Come to know Christ personally. Watch and listen as He breaks up a funeral by raising the dead, confronts conniving religious leaders of His day, teaches on a Galilean hillside, or walks on the waves and calms the storm. Like a ragtag band of followers nearly two thousand years ago, you will not be the same.

**The Case for Christ** by Lee Strobel. The author's tough point-blank questions make this remarkable book read like a captivating, fast-paced novel. But, it's not fiction. It's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure. Is there credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God?

Yours in Christ,

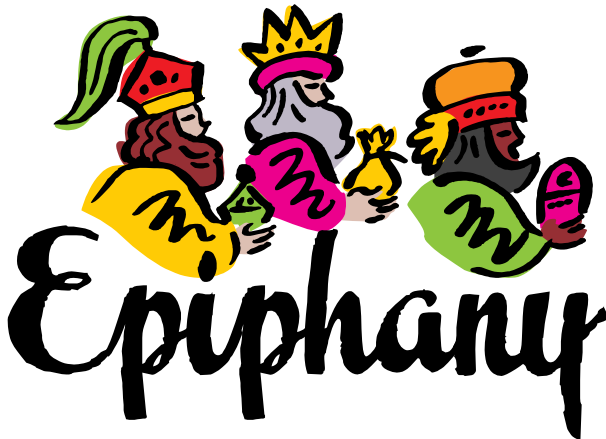
Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

5	Jeffrey McDonald
9	Dan LaRose
10	Jeff Hudspeth
11	Heather Richardson
12	Gail Thomason
13	Jessie Parker
21	Ella Huntzinger
22	Michael Albert
23	Edward Brawner
	Sarah Fischer
25	Rita DeLozier
26	Jim Fultz
	Rhonda Purtle
30	Shelby Dial
31	Bernice Connell

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## Worship Quote of the Month



*The beginning of the year is considered the time of "Epiphany" (often associated with the visit of the Magi recorded in Matthew's Gospel).*

*I remember one of my seminary professors had a bumper sticker on the back of his car that read, "Wise Men Still Seek Him."*

*Isaiah 55:6 calls us to "seek the Lord while He may be found."*

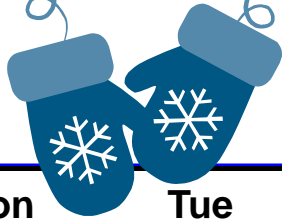
*May we seek in this New Year.*

*Happy New Year!*

*~ Bro. Nick, Minister of Music*

# JANUARY

# 2015



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

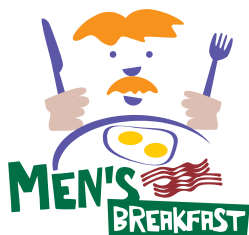
Thu

Fri

Sat

			1  Happy New Year! Office Closed	2	3 
4 Deacons' Meeting  No AWANA	5	6	7  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	8 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	9  8 am Men's Breakfast
11 2-4 pm Welch Baby Shower  5:30 pm AWANA - Regular Mtg.	12	13	14 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6:30pm Business Mtg.	15 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	16  6:30 pm Family Connection
18 5:30 pm AWANA - Regular Mtg.	19  Office Closed	20 February Newsletter Articles due in office	21  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	22 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	23 <div>24 Youth Retreat</div>
25 5:30 pm AWANA - Pajama Jam	26	27	27  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	29 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	30  31
 <p><b>Schedule of Services:</b>  <b>Sunday</b>  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 &amp; Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm</p>					 <p><b>Wednesday</b>  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</p>

# The Church in Action



**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday, January 10  
8:00 am

**All men & boys invited**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Ladies' Breakfast**  
Saturday, January 17  
8:30 am  
**In the Fellowship Hall—bring a breakfast dish to share**



**Ladies' Breakfast**



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
Wednesday, January 14  
10:15 a.m.  
**Everyone is welcome**  
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)



**It's a Boy!**

**Join us for a baby shower honoring**

**Martin & April Welch**  
**and their precious son, Tommy**

**Sunday, January 11, 2015**  
**2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Tommy's nursery is decorated in  
John Deere colors. They are  
Registered at  
Target & Baby's-R-Us

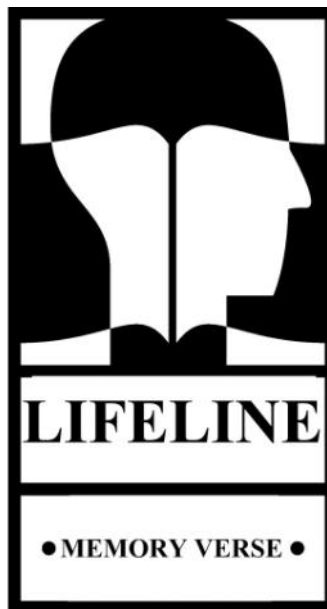


**Family**

**Connection**

We're baaaacckkk!! **Family Connection** is **Friday, January 16th at 6:30pm** in the fellowship hall. We're still in recovery from the holiday whirlwind so we're going old school with board games and finger foods. Bring your favorite couch potato lazy day snack food and a board or card game. Drinks and paper goods provided.

Family Connection at FBC is a group of young (ish) families who come together monthly for fellowship and fun. We purpose to love, support and pray for each other. Come join us!!



**Lifeline Memory Verses**  
**2015**

Each week this year we will have a focal memory verse.

**January Verses**

Dec. 29-Jan. 4: Psalm 119:11, *I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I may not sin against You.*

Jan. 5-11: John 3:16, *For God so loved the world*

*that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Jan. 12-18: Genesis 1:1, *In the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth.*

January 19-25: Philippians 4:13, *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Jan. 26-Feb. 1: Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

**Future Growth Funding**  
\$148,986.37 in a Construction Acct.  
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
\$368,927.78 in a Building Fund  
at the Tennessee Baptist  
Foundation.



Please contact the church office if you have changes in your contact information. We don't want anyone to miss out on the happenings at FBCSH!

Information Update forms are available on the table in the lobby. Place completed forms in the box on the office door. Thank you!