

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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Many years ago there was a singer named Kate Smith who at that time was America's beloved singer. On her weekly radio program on a given week, she introduced a brand new song in America. She sang, as only Kate Smith could sing, "God bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above; From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home." (Irving Berlin, 1938)

*From the  
Pastor*

It seemed that those words, at that particular time in American life epitomized the feeling and the atmosphere of the country. Several years ago somebody wrote a new song and called the song "God Bless America Again." The song reads, "God bless America again. You see all the troubles that she's in. Wash her pretty face, dry her eyes, and then God bless America again." Somehow we need the blessings of God upon our nation as we have never needed it before. We ought to be asking God to come down and lead our nation. Also, we ought to be praying that God will build a growing conviction in the hearts and minds of people about the moral need for revival in our land.

As we enter July, we thank God for the freedom we have here in the United State, but even more important the freedom we have in Christ. The freedom we have in the U.S. did not come cheap. Many people have given their lives to that the U.S. might be free. The freedom we have in Christ was not cheap, either. Christ paid for our freedom with His life as He died upon the cross of Calvary. However, His sacrifice is not only for us, but for every person who will call upon His name. As we celebrate the fourth of July, let's be reminded that without the freedom we have in Christ, the freedom we have in the U.S. would not mean much. This 4th, tell someone about Christ!

Pray for the Nominating Committee as they are now working to secure new officers, teachers, and committee members for the next church year. How will you respond when asked to take a place of service? If asked to assume a place of leadership, weight the question prayerfully and answer as God leads. Say, "Yes!" to the Nominating Committee; Say "Yes!" to the Lord.

*Bro. JC*

## Church Library News

### June - Happy 4th of July

God is in no hurry. We want things fixed now, and we think God will fix it shortly. Certainly by the end of the day. Absolutely by the end of the week. He does not work by our clock. God is extremely deliberate and painfully slow. So enjoy your summer and know God is at work in *His time*.

Psalm 39:7 *And now Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.*

Here are a few books from our Library:

**Drawing Closer** by Glen Martin & Dian Ginter. The authors have put together a book which is not just an intellectual exercise when read, but also a practical guide designed to move a reader through the maze of uncertainty in knowing about God's sovereignty, to an ever-deepening sense of secure friendship based upon understanding God's attributes, and how His character will allow you to trust Him in every area of your life.

**Laugh Again** by Charles Swindoll.

- Living in the present instead of the failures of the past or the questions of the future.
- Saying no to the negativism, and yes to joy.
- Giving up the need to control everyone and everything.
- Realizing that no one's life is perfect.

Pausing here and there to tell a good joke, the author affirms that it's possible to take the high road toward being a responsible adult and to laugh a lot along the way.

**God In You** by David Jeremiah. Don't let the unbelief and cynicism of our culture - or the unbiblical excesses of unbalanced teaching - drive you away from the very teaching that will give you in the greatest joy and fulfillment of your life. The author gives believers a gift beyond reckoning. This is clear, Bible-based, life-related teaching on a subject that has all the potential to turn your life upside down - or maybe right side up.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

## July Birthdays

1	Curtis DeLozier
3	Lorraine Brown
5	Madison Bailey
8	Joe Stephens
	Ann Callis
	Linda Poteete
12	Roy Poteete
	Cindy Oakes
17	Glenda White
19	Kimberly Pullen
	Bryanna Rawlings
20	Jerry McLain
	Sharon Bobo
23	Echan Groves
24	Dakota Anderson
25	Allen Boshers
	Anita Wright
26	Zack Purtle
29	Joy Duncan
	Delilah Guiguis
30	Talia Rawlings
31	Jenny Dudzinski

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## From the Church Office

**Thank you for signing up with your Kroger Plus card for community rewards to benefit FBCSH.** There are 21 cards connected to the church. Each time you shop, Kroger gives a portion to the church. A flyer with details as to how you can sign up is available in the church lobby or all the info is available on our website.

**Thank you to Allen Hall for managing our church web site.** Please check out [www.fbspringhill.com](http://www.fbspringhill.com). All the latest happenings are there.

- Did you know that Bro. J's sermons are available in audio & video format for download?
- Did you know the church directory is available on the website?
- Have you downloaded the free "Church Life" app for your smart phone so that the directory and online giving are at your fingertips?

I have seen posts on "facebook" of people saying they are unable to log in to "Member to Member". A password is needed and you must create a log-in the

first time you try to access the site. If you have difficulty, please call the church office - I will talk you through it. Or, if you are not available to talk during the day, send me an email request and I will reply with step by step instructions.

Lastly, it is very important for the office to have current information in our data base. It is kept secure - your information is not shared with anyone without your expressed consent. The deacons do a great job keeping up with their families, but I have had several calls recently from them asking for contact information that I do not have. Please call the church office to update your information, or pick up a data update form from the table in the lobby. Place the completed form in the box on the office door.

Thank you for helping the church office keep you informed.

*Paula Zimmer*  
-- Ministry Assistant

# 2015

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1  6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	2 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	3  Office Closed	4 
5  Deacons' Meeting	6	7	8 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6:30pm Business Mtg.	9 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	10	11 8 am Men's Breakfast  10:30 am Family Connection Canoe Trip
12  Lord's Supper in Morning Worship	13	14	15  6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	16 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	17	18 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast  2 pm Memorial Svc. for Marilyn Benedict
19  5-7 PM Youth Water Night	20 August Newsletter Articles due in office	21	22  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	23 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	24  Church facilities in use for wedding	25  Church facilities in use for wedding
26	27	28	29  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	30 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	31	

## Schedule of Services:

### Sunday

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

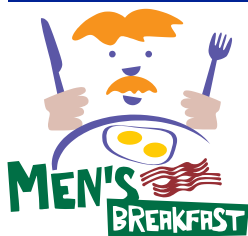
### Wednesday

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, July 11  
8:00 am

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

**Ladies' Breakfast**  
Saturday, July 18,  
8:30 am  
**In the Fellowship Hall—**  
**bring a breakfast dish to**  
**share**  
**Speaker: Vivian Ihim**



**Ladies' Breakfast**



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
Wednesday, July 8  
10:15 a.m.

**Everyone is welcome!**  
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

## Communing with God

After Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969, pilot Buzz Aldrin requested via radio that people pause to give thanks for the achievement in their own way. When his broadcast ended, Aldrin read a verse from the Gospel of John and took communion, which his church had sent to space with him.

"It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements," the astronaut said. "At the time, I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God."



**The family of**  
**Marilyn Benedict**  
**Invites you to a**  
**Memorial Service**  
Saturday, July 18, 2:00  
**First Baptist Church of Spring Hill**



**Future Growth Funding**  
\$149,955.24 in a Construction Acct.  
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
\$377,862.72 in a Building Fund  
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

## Family

## Connection

**\*\*July - Canoe Trip** with Heather and Colton Richardson on Saturday, July 11th at 10:30 am. Woohoooo!!! We are traveling to the Boys Ranch to canoe, picnic, and love on Miss Upstairs Heather and Coco! Please let us know ASAP if you plan to go. Colton has some canoes on the ranch for us to use, but we may have to try to rent some extras, so advance notice is important! Also, if you have your own canoe or kayak to bring, or have access to some you can borrow, please do that!! Directions to follow but RSVP asap!

**\*\*Friday, August 21 at 6:30 pm is our 2nd Annual Water Night and cookout.** Reminder - August will be our last monthly event as we are moving to a quarterly field trip format. Up next: Ring Farm corn maze, playground, and bonfire in October. If any of you would like to plan additional gatherings, please do!

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 purpose 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](mailto:juliemhull@live.com)).



## Lifeline Memory Verses 2015 July Verses

June 29-July 5: James 4: 7, *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

July 6-12: 1 Corinthians 15:58, *Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

July 13-19: Colossians 3:23, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men.*

July 20-26: James 1:22, *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

July 27-August 2: Psalm 150:6, *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*



**YOUTH  
SUMMER  
SCHEDULE**

There will be no Sunday Night Bible Study for youth except on the special days listed below.

**Sunday, July 19th, WATER NIGHT 5-7 pm.** You already know what we do. Bring some clothes to get wet in and a bottle of baby shampoo for the slip and slide.

**Sunday, August 9th, BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT 5-7 pm.**

We will have a good time with some hamburgers and hot dogs with all the cookout fixins, as well as some fun backyard games.