

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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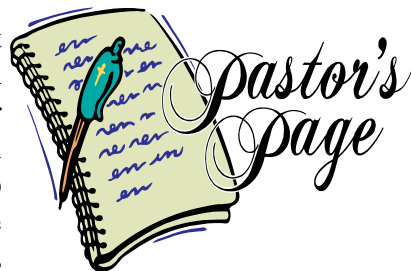
When the New England colonies were first planted, the settlers endured many hardships and difficulties. Being piously disposed, they laid their distresses before God in frequent days of fasting and prayer. Constant meditation upon their distress kept their minds gloomy and discontented, and even made them inclined to return to their homeland, with all its persecutions. When it was proposed once again to appoint a day of fasting and prayer, a plain old common-sensed man arose in the meeting, saying he thought that they had brooded long enough over their difficulties and that it was high time they should consider their mercies. After all, the colony was growing strong, the fields were increasing in harvest, the rivers were filled with fish, the woods with game, and the air with sweetness; but beyond all this, they now possessed what they had come for, namely, full civil and religious liberty. So he recommended an amendment to the resolution for a fast, and proposed in its place a day of thanksgiving. As we all know, that day has not become part of the very life and culture of the American people.

But for the Christian, one day a year is not sufficient! We need to be thankful all year round. For what are you thankful? Each of us would have a different list of answers to give to that questions, for Thanksgiving is a very intimate and individual affair. Stop and think of your many blessings and then breathe a prayer of thanksgiving.

Matthew Henry was once accosted by some thieves on a highway and robbed of everything he had with him. Afterwards he wrote in his diary, "I am so very thankful. First, because I have never been robbed before. Second, because although they took my money, they did not take my life. Thirdly, even though they took my money, I left most of it at home. And fourthly, it was I who was robbed and not I who robbed."

In all things give thanks. Don't forget to thank God this Thanksgiving!

*Bio J*



## Church Library News

## November Birthdays

### November - Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a great time for families to get together and celebrate with wonderful food and friends. After all, it's the start of the holiday season. However, the colonists wanted to thank God first for His protection and provisions and turning their hardships and sorrow into gratitude and health and joy. So let's do as the colonists did and put God first, then celebrate.

Praying our church praises and glorifies God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

### Here are a few books from our Library:

**Jesus, Centerpiece of Scripture** by J. Vernon McGee. The author writes, "I do believe with all my heart that on every page of the Old Testament there is a picture of Christ, if only we had eyes to see Him." He speaks to every Christian when he says, "The real test for any of us is what we think of Christ." He provides insight into Jesus' life, His teaching, and His unequalled love for His children.

**Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life** by Charles Swindoll. Centered around the four seasons of the year, this book will aid you in becoming a stronger Christian, as you both hear and do the Word of God. It will motivate you to apply God's trust as you read it devotionally.

**Flying Closer to the Flame** by Charles R. Swindoll. The author writes that at the heart of our Christian experience most of us sense that something is missing. We lack joy, confidence, and power of the early Christians, and the author thinks he knows why. We are empty because we are afraid to fully experience the spirit of God in our lives. We have been too cool and careful. We have avoided the flame.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Robertson, Vivienne Okma, & Joan Frank

1	Emily Vogt
3	Doris Stephens
8	Peyton Andre
10	Glynn Brown
11	Don Gray
11	John Boyle
14	Denise Bearden
	Jason Terrillion
15	Hannah Long
16	Cathy Wood
	Helen Huntzinger
17	Janet Hicks
18	Pat Springer
	Brooks Hester
19	Brenda Bland
22	Allen Hall
23	Megan Sharp
24	Jane Love
25	Tyson Peters
26	David Long
28	Marjorie Wells
	Geft Apollon
30	Sam Long

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## From the Church Office

### Text giving is now available.

- Donors can send a text message including your church name and the amount they want to give to 73256
- Click on the link in the confirmation text
- Complete your gift. It's that simple!



### **Text Giving Now Available!!**

Things were a bit hectic getting out the door to church on Sunday morning and you left your checkbook at home. No worries!! Now you can donate to the church via text message on your smart phone in just a few easy steps!

- Text FBCSH to 73256**

• Then follow the instructions in the message. This is all handled similarly to **Online Giving**. Your contribution will be recorded for your tax records. If you have questions, please call the church office and we will walk you through the process.

*Paula*



# N O V E M B E R

Sun

Mon








Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	2  6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	3 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	4	5 Youth Harvest Party  Daylight Saving Time Ends!!	
6 Deacons' Mtg.  5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA - Backward / Inside Out Night	7  6:30 pm Operation Christmas Child Packing Party	8 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group 	9 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Business Mtg	10 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	11  <b>VETERANS DAY</b> <u>Church Office Closed</u>	12
13 <i>Special Offering for Faith Comes by Hearing</i>  5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA -	14  December Newsletter Items due	15 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	16  6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	17 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	18	19
20  5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA	21 Ladies' Bible Study 10 am & 6 pm	22 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group  <u>6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.</u>	23  <u>No Activities at the church</u>	24  THANKSGIVING Day <u>Church Office Closed</u>	25  <u>Church office Closed</u>	26
27 <u>No AWANA</u>  FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent	28	29 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	30  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.			
<div><div><p><b>Schedule of Services:</b></p><p><u>Sunday</u></p><p>Worship - 10:00 am</p><p>Sunday School - 8:45 am</p><p>Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm</p><p>KidsPraise! Children's Choir - 5:30 pm</p><p>AWANA - 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May)</p><p>Worship - 6:00 pm</p></div><div><p><u>Wednesday</u></p><p>ESL Classes - 6:00 pm</p><p>Children in Action &amp; Mission Friends 6:30 pm</p><p>Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm</p><p>Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm</p><p>Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm</p><p>Instrumental Rehearsal - 7:30 pm</p></div></div>						



# The Church in Action



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, November 9**  
**10:15 a.m.**  
**Everyone is welcome!**  
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

## Children's Ministry Needs YOU!



## Ministry NEWS

Thank you to those who have joined us in Children's Ministry this year. We still have a place for YOU! Please volunteer to serve and worship the Lord alongside our precious kids. Below are the areas where you can help. Please contact Julie Hull, Crystal Vaughn, or Amy Easton to let them know of your willingness to serve.

### Sunday School:

Preschool Assistant (3-4 year olds)  
Kindergarten Assistant

### Sunday Morning & Evening:

Nursery Care

### Wednesday Evening:

Mission Friends I Teacher  
Children in Action Teacher

**There will be NO Ladies'**

**Breakfast**

**in November**

**or**

**December**

**Make plans now for January!**



*Ladies' Breakfast*

**English as a Second  
Language Classes**  
**Each Wednesday**  
**6-7:30 pm**

**In the fellowship hall**

We will soon be scheduling another time for training for anyone who would like to teach English to our precious international friends living in our community. Please see Pat Springer for more details.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends!**  
**It's time to "Fall Back"**

**Turn your clocks BACK**  
**One hour before you**  
**go to bed on**  
**November 5th.**



**Want to stay updated on all the Children's and Family Ministry happenings?** Family information sheets are available in the KidsCentral office downstairs and the nursery sign in desk. All things kids and family will be communicated through this group. Don't miss a minute - sign up today!!!

### Children's Church Worker Schedule:

**Nov. 6:** Misty & Jacob Robinson

**Nov. 13:** Kimberly Pullen & Laura Sparkman

**Nov. 20:** Sharon & Eddie Brawner

**Nov. 27:** The Peters Family



**Operation Christmas Child  
Packing Party**  
**Monday, November 7**  
**6:30 pm in the**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Cookies & Cocoa will be  
served**



**Future Growth Funding**  
\$60,210.29 in a Construction Acct.  
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
\$372,682.70 in a Building Fund  
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



### It's Budget Time!

It is time for all committees to turn in requests for your 2017 budget line items to the Finance Committee. Jim Fultz is distributing budget reports to Committees for reference. Questions: See Aaron Eason or any member of the Finance Committee.