

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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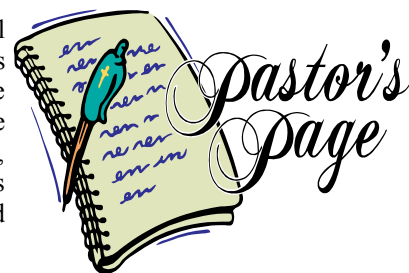
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Psalm 100 says, "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you Lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations."



Here in Psalm 100 we are given an admonition to thank the Lord for who He is and what He has done. We are told how to thank Him and when and where to thank Him. What is this psalm saying to us that we can put into practice in our own lives?

First, He is worthy of our praise. Kaufmann Kohler states in the Jewish Encyclopedia that no language has as many words for joy and rejoicing as does Hebrew. In the Old Testament thirteen Hebrew roots, found in twenty-seven different words, are used primarily for some aspect of joy or joyful participation in religious worship. Hebrew worship demonstrates God as the source of joy. In contrast to the worship of other faiths of the East, Israelite worship was essentially a joyous proclamation and celebration. The good Hebrew regarded the act of thanking God as the supreme joy of his life. That is why they and we are to make a "joyful shout to the Lord." We are to express our gratitude to the Lord in an audible and public manner. The word "shout" or "noise" in the KJV means to "break forth with," or to "burst" and it gives the imagery of someone who is so full of an emotion that they are unable of containing themselves. When we think of all God has done for us, we just need to shout His praises!

Second, He is worthy of our service. We can never do enough to say thanks to our Lord. Some serve out of greed and others with a grudge, still others see service to our Lord as a grind. The people have lost the joy of their salvation. We are not to serve the Lord out of greed, with a grudge or as a grind. We are to serve Him with gladness.

We need to take inventory of the blessings in our life! I like the old song: *Count Your Blessings*. "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged thinking all is lost, count your many blessings name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." Have you stopped to count the blessings in your life lately?

Does your life presently demonstrate a sense of gratitude to God? When others see you are they aware that your life is being lived for someone else to whom you owe a great debt? Is there joy in your life? Does it show? How have you demonstrated your gratitude to Christ lately? "Be thankful to Him" this Thanksgiving Day and everyday!

*Bro J*

**Pastor**

[J.C. Christian](#)

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[Paula Zimmer](#)



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on November 4.

## Church Library News

## November Birthdays



### November

Thanksgiving is a day to celebrate and reminds us of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and of course, Football! It's a day when family and friends come together to feast and to share. But, above all, Thanksgiving should be a time of just that—the giving of thanks to God. Thanksgiving glorifies God and people who practice gratitude have lower blood pressure, stronger immune systems, and sleep better. Today is a time to start a yearlong practice of gratitude and thanks to God!

2 Corinthians 2:14 *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.*

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

**The Jesus I Never Knew** by Phillip Yancey. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, the author presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers, a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith.

**In the Grip of Grace** by Max Lucado. Did I drift too far? Wait too long? Slip too much? Did I out-sin the love of God? The answer is found in one of life's sweetest words—GRACE. The author will remind you that the God who first made you is strong enough to sustain you.

**He Still Moves Stones** by Max Lucado. The purpose of these stories is not to tell us what Jesus did. Their purpose is to tell us what Jesus does. God doing for people what people cannot do themselves, that is the goal of this book—to witness the tenderness of God.

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

3	Doris Stephens
8	Peyton Andre
10	Glynn Brown
11	Don Gray
	John Boyle
12	Nathaniel Huntzinger
14	Denise Bearden
	Jason Terrillion
15	Hannah Long
16	Helen Huntzinger
18	Pat Springer
	Brooks Hester
19	Brenda Bland
22	Allen Hall
24	Jane Love
26	David Long
28	Marjorie Wells
	Geft Apollon
30	Sam Long

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## From the Church Office

Did you know that you can access our church directory online? We often remind you that contributions can be made online, but there is a wealth of information on our church website. **Thank you**, Allen Hall for being our web master! On our home page at [www.fbspringhill.com](http://www.fbspringhill.com), there is a heading at the top right of the page called **CONNECT**. Click on CONNECT and you will see a drop down menu. Click on MEMBER TO MEMBER. If you have the Church Life app on your phone, your Log In is the same as for your app. If you don't already have a log in, follow the instructions on the log in page to **create your log in**. If you have difficulty, PLEASE call the church office and I will help you get started.



Also, I have many photos uploaded to the church directory, but MANY of you still have not provided us with a photo. If you don't have a "selfie" to send the office, please see Prentice Moore. He will be happy to take your picture and forward it to me. On that note, **Thank You, Prentice**, for taking photos of all our new members so we can add them to our directory!

**Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat...**

...well, maybe I should say  
**Christmas is coming, the calendar is getting full!!**



This is the time of year when classes & ministries schedule fellowships/parties/gatherings, etc. to celebrate the season. After all, it is "that most wonderful time of the year!" So, please let the office know when you have chosen a date, time, and place for your gathering so that nothing is scheduled on top of something else. Thank You!

**Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on November 4. Enjoy the extra hour of rest...And...note that the church office will be closed for Thanksgiving on Nov. 23 & 24. I am thankful for you! Blessings...**

*Paula*

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# NOVEMBER 2017

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			<b>1</b>  6 pm ESL Classes 6:30pm Prayer Mtg. Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>2</b>  9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>3</b>  9 am Homeschool facility use	<b>4</b> DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  <i>Turn Clocks Back!</i> 10 am Work Day @ Church
<b>5</b> <i>Coffee Shop Fundraiser</i> 8:15 am  6 pm AWANA-Backward/Inside Out Night Deacons' Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>8</b>  10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6 pm ESL Classes 6:30pm Business Mtg. Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>9</b>  9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>10</b>  9 am Homeschool facility use  6:30 pm Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party	<b>11</b>  <b>VETERANS DAY</b>
<b>12</b>  4 pm Trustees' Mtg.  6 pm AWANA	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>15</b>  Homeschool - Facility in use  6 pm ESL Classes 6:30pm Prayer Mtg. Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>16</b>  9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  6 pm Boy Scouts	<b>17</b>  9 am Homeschool facility use	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  6 pm AWANA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  10 am Ladies' Prayer Group  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>22</b>  <i>No Wednesday Activities</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <div>Church Office Closed</div>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  NO AWANA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>29</b>  6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg., Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>30</b>  9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study		

***Schedule of Services:***

**Sunday**

Worship - 10:00 am  
 Sunday School - 8:45 am  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm  
 AWANA - 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May)  
 Worship - 6:00 pm

**Wednesday**

ESL Classes - 6:00 pm  
 Children in Action & Mission Friends  
 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm  
 Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm  
 Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm





# The Church in Action



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, November 8,**  
**10:15 a.m.**  
**Everyone is welcome!**  
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

**English as a Second Language**  
**Classes**  
**Every Wednesday, 6 pm**

For more information or to volunteer in this ministry, please see Pat Springer.



**Coffee Shop**  
**Sunday, November 5,**  
**8:15-8:45 am**

Our college and Career Students are returning to the Passion Conference in Atlanta on January 1. This is an opportunity to help them with the cost of the trip! **Join us for a Coffee Shop outside the fellowship hall. We will have regular coffee, plus a specialty flavor or two and a delicious assortment of breakfast items. All donations will go towards the students' conference tickets. Come early for breakfast and support our college students!**

**New Church Cookbooks**  
**have arrived!!**

**Almost 800 Recipes are**  
**included!!**

**\$12.00 each**

**See Patty Welch to purchase**  
**your copy.**

**\*\*Note: Christmas is just around**  
**the corner — these cookbooks will**  
**make great gifts!!**



**Future Growth Funding**  
**\$15,263.36 in a Construction Acct.**  
**at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank**  
**\$364,944.29 in a Building Fund**  
**at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.**

## KidCentral News...



**Each Sunday Evening, 6:00 pm**  
**November 5: Backwards / Inside Out Night**  
**\*\*Thank you to ALL our volunteers each week!!**

**There are MULTIPLE areas of need in Children's Ministry:**

• **We urgently need Nursery Workers!** We must have at least 2 workers in each room and the more volunteers we have, the easier it is to care for our little ones during the worship services. See **Amy Easton** or call the church office to volunteer.

• **We need at least 2 more Sunday School Preschool Teachers!** Contact **John Boyle**, [jrb Boyle550@msn.com](mailto:jrb Boyle550@msn.com) (Sunday School Director) for more information.

### Children's Church Worker Schedule:

**November 5:** Allen & Heather Hall  
**November 12:** Kimberly Pullen & Laura Sparkman  
**November 19:** The Peters Family  
**November 26:** Eddie & Sharon Brawner

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



**IT'S BACK!!!**  
**Parents' Night Out**  
**Saturday, December 16, 5:30 - 8:00 pm**

Date your spouse! Finish (or start) your Christmas shopping! Take a nap! We'll watch your kiddos aged birth-6th grade at FBCSH. They will have a fun night of games, crafts, and more!! Pizza supper is provided. Cost is \$10 per child. All proceeds will defray the trip cost for students attending the Passion Conference). **To have adequate adult staff and supplies, pre-registration is REQUIRED by Sunday, December 10. Sign up on the sheet outside the KidsCentral Office.**

**Questions? Want to help out?** Contact David Warren (317-414-1787 or [indytester@gmail.com](mailto:indytester@gmail.com)).

**Operation Christmas Child**  
**Shoobox Packing Party**  
**Friday, November 10, 6:30 pm**

Pick up your shoebox in the church lobby. Follow the instructions for filling and enclose \$9 for each box for handling. **Please return all boxes by November 12.** Questions? See Patty Welch.

