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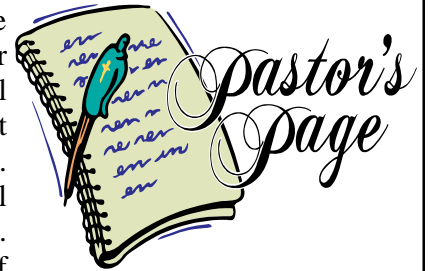
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As we enter into October I hope you have already been praying for our revival that starts October 11 and runs through October 14. William Burton will be our evangelist. William is the TN Baptist Convention's Hispanic/ethnic church starter specialist. He pastors La Esperanza Church here in Spring Hill and they meet at our church on Wednesday nights. Please mark your calendar and be present each night of the revival.



Also please be in prayer for the mission team that will be going to Jamaica on October 5-11 to hand out Bibles and do evangelism. I am so thankful for the partnership we have with the Jamaican Baptists and can't wait to hear the exciting results of this mission trip. Pray that God will prepare the hearts ahead of time of those people He would have our team meet. We will have a special prayer time over this team on Sunday, October 4th.

Normally, we have the Lord's Supper on the second Sunday of the quarter, but because of our Revival we will partake of the Lord's Supper in the evening service on October 18th. As we partake of the Lord's Supper on this day, I hope that as you take of the elements that represent the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, you will remember that Christ died for the sins of everyone. Many in our community are living in bondage to sin because they have not heard the Good News of Christ. It is our responsibility as Christians to show people the love of Christ and tell them of the matchless grace of our Lord. We need to encourage the lost to find Jesus. In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Each of us need to become a laborer for Christ and reap the harvest of souls for His honor and glory!

The Maury Baptist Association's annual meeting will be held at our church this year on Tuesday, October 20th. There will be a worship time at 7:00 pm on that night. This time of worship is open to everyone. I hope you will consider coming to be a part of this service. It is good to be able to participate in worship with our brothers and sisters from other Baptist churches in the association. We are so blessed to be a part of an association that works together and worships together!

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Church Library News

October - Where Is God?

Perhaps this is a difficult time for you. In a low moment you may wonder "where is God?"

He is at your side. He has never left you. He has never taken His eyes off you, not even for a heartbeat. He has never stopped caring for you, thinking about you; never stopped loving you with an intensity beyond our understanding.

Know in your heart and mind that He is with you, for God's Word tells us it's true.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Here are a few books from our Library:

Approaching God by Steve Brown. The author discovered that prayer can be quite honest. We can come to God without fear and without a concern for sophistication and slickness. Brown explores the practical side of praying - the amount of time we give to it, the time of day, even the most helpful posture. He helps us understand the "deeper" side of prayer - the awe and wonder of relating to a great God.

What Matters Most by Tony Evans. God's goal for believers is that they become more like Christ. This process is called discipleship. It consists of four essential elements. The author explores the importance of worship, fellowship, education, & outreach.

Simple Faith by Charles Swindoll. With typically penetrating insights and often humorous illustrations, the author shows how you can walk with Christ down a quieter path. Rediscover a life of peace and fulfillment built not on works but on trust and simple faith.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

October Birthdays

- 3 Clara Hall
- 4 Tricean Robertson
Anna Johnson
Ashley Johnson
- 6 Alisha Terrillion
- 9 Roxanna Boyle
Tabatha Thompson
Ryan Huntzinger
- 10 Gwana Weaver
- 12 Steve Smith
Maddox Robbins
- 13 Jerry Thompson
Denise Maurice
- 14 Heidi Johnson
- 15 Marilyn Legg
Scotty Dial
Daniel Gilley
- 16 Tim Love
- 17 Colton Wright
Sandra Hudspeth
- 18 Debbie Watkins
- 19 Stacey Anderson
- 22 Gail Zill
Jeremy Johnson
- 23 Christine McKee
- 24 Gene Legg
Charlie Johnson
- 25 Joan Frank
- 26 Catharine McArtor
Chase Bland
- 29 Sara Waddey
Beverly Williams
- 30 Christian Huntzinger
- 31 Pam Wilkins

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



From the Church Office

October is "Clergy Appreciation" month...

Many articles come through the church office and when this one came, I knew I wanted to share it with you...

...A Great Pastor Appreciation Gift...Prayer

1. Prayer is a gift. Prayer changes things. God hears our prayers, and He answers them. In Colossians 4:2-4, Paul asks the regular Christians in one of his churches to pray for him. You'd think Paul would be doing the praying and not asking for prayer. Pray like it's free, because it is.

2. All prayers matter. Paul, an Apostle, was good at praying; he saw people healed and the dead rise up. Why would he need "regular-people-prayers?" Paul knew that prayer works because the One hearing the prayer is awesome, mighty, powerful and anyone can reach him through faith in Jesus. Pray like God hears you, because he does.

3. Prayers open doors. Paul, a man sent by the Spirit, asked for doors to open. Many people might forget to ask for prayer if they were sent out by the Holy Spirit, but not Paul. He wanted more opportunities to share the gospel. Paul was a gospel sharing machine, but he wanted more. He knew their prayers would enable him to be more effective. Pray like things will change, because they will.

4. Prayers empower. Paul wrote much of the New Testament, started numerous churches and led thousands to Christ. Still, he wanted more,

and he knew their prayers empowered his gospel presentation. Paul craved that God's Spirit would work through him and for that, he needed prayer. Pray your pastors' messages change lives, because they can.

Remember prayers matter.

- **Don't think your pastors don't need prayer.** If Paul needed prayer, your pastors need it more.
- **Don't think your prayers aren't special.** If Paul asked regular people for prayer, then regular people prayers work.
- **Pray for your pastors often.** Pray doors open, pray the message is clear, and pray they will be empowered.
- **Prayers are free, but not cheap.** Our prayers work because of Christ's work on the cross. Pray boldly in Jesus' name.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the Word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison - that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Colossians 4:2-4.

Commit yourself to praying every day for your pastors - they will appreciate it! (article by Michael Jordan)

Blessings...

Paula, Ministry Assistant

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Sun

Mon

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Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						
				1 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	2	3
4 5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Meeting Deacons' Meeting	5	6 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	7	8 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	9	10 8 am Men's Breakfast
Jamaica Mission Trip - October 5-11						
	6 pm Ladies' Bible Study		6:30pm Business Mtg.			
11 No AWANA - Fall Break 6:00pm Revival Svc.	12  COLUMBUS DAY 6:30pm Revival Svc.	13 10 am Ladies' Bible Study 6:30pm Revival Svc.	14 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6:30pm Revival Svc.	15 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	16 Happy Boss' Day!	17 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast
Revival - Rev. William Burton, Evangelist						
18 6:00pm Lord's Supper 5:30 pm AWANA - Regular Meeting	19 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	20 10 am Ladies' Bible Study 5:30pm Maury Bapt. Annual Mtg. 7:00pm Maury Bapt. Worship Service	21 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	22 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	23 	24
25 Global Hunger Sunday 5:30 pm AWANA - Balloon Release	26 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	27 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	28 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	29	30	31  6-8:00 pm



Schedule of Services:

Sunday

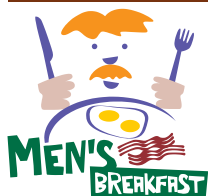
Worship - 10:00 am
 Sunday School - 8:45 am
 Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm
 Discipleship Training - 5:00 pm
 AWANA - 5:30 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May)
 Worship & Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm

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, October 10,
8:00 am

All men & boys invited
(Fellowship Hall)

Ladies' Breakfast
Saturday, October 17,
8:30 am

In the Fellowship Hall—
bring a breakfast dish
to share

Speaker:

Brandy Robinson will share about her recent mission
trip to Jamaica



Ladies' Breakfast



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, October 14,
10:15 a.m.

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

Because of the Revival Service on
October 14, the Monthly Business
Meeting has been changed to
Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm



Family

Connection

Join us **Sunday, November 1st**, for our fall Family Connection event. Immediately following the morning worship service, we'll break out a few of those Fall Festival games for a second round of fun and enjoy lunch together. Bring your camp chairs and we'll just relax and let the kids wear themselves out before naptime. Pizza, chips, desserts and drinks provided. Cost is \$4 for grown ups and \$2 for kiddos.

Coming in December - potluck Christmas party and kids' gift exchange.

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



Lifeline Memory Verses 2015
October Verses

Sept. 28-Oct. 4: Matthew 5:16, *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

October 5-11: John 14:6, *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

October 12-18: Ephesians 2:8-9, *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not*

of works, lest anyone should boast.

October 19-25: Proverbs 3:5-6, *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

October 26-November 1: James 1:17, *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*



Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 31st, 6-8 pm

It's time for our annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat! If you plan to decorate your car / trunk, please have your car in place and decorated by 5:30 pm.

Individually wrapped candy and Volunteers are needed to help with games and the cake walk. Sign up sheets and boxes for candy donations are available in the church lobby.

More information? Questions? Ready to Volunteer? Contact Valinda Albert (valindaalbert@gmail.com), Shelia Chitwood (sheliadwc@gmail.com), or Amy Easton (amyjohnson102@hotmail.com)



Global Hunger Sunday

We will take a special offering for Global Hunger needs on Sunday, October 25.

Future Growth Funding

\$136,355.24 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$377,862.72 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

