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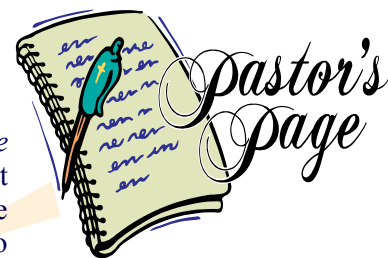
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We all know that the Bible tells us that it is “*more blessed to give than to receive*” (Acts 20:25). However, at this time of year, in the midst of all the giving and the receiving, even the biggest Scrooge among us likes to receive a gift. For many, including myself, one of the best parts of receiving a gift is the anticipation and the excitement that accompanies the unwrapping of that gift. We are things, “*I wonder what it is...Is it what I want? I hope I won't look disappointed if it isn't!*” I think everyone knows exactly what I am talking about!

Well, regardless of whether you get a new tie, a new set of bunny slippers, or that new car you have been dreaming of, nothing you will receive this Christmas will come close to measuring up to the gift God gave the world on that first Christmas.

Paul put it this way in 1 Corinthians 9:15, “*Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.*” He said that the gift God gave the world was great beyond description! What was the gift that God gave to the world 2,000+ years ago? It was His Own darling Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 3:16). He gave His Son to this world so that sinners like you and me might be saved from our sins and from the wages of those sins which is separation from God in hell forever (Romans 6:23).

As I think about Heaven's gift, I get excited to think about all Jesus is and all he has done for us. I was thinking about an old hymn that was written by Isaac Watts that said, “*Alas and did my Savior bleed and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?*” I just want to bless His Name for thinking about a worthless worm like me! Hallelujah!

Don't you detest giving someone something and they respond with ingratitude? Some of us have received the gift of the Lord Jesus, but we don't really seem very thankful for it. I wonder how God must feel when He sees how we treat His gracious, priceless and perfect gift.

This Christmas, be thankful for the “*unspeakable gift*” that God has given to us and share that gift with someone else!

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas with love!

Bro J

Church Library News



December—Merry Christmas!

When Jesus was born, He looked like every other baby—small and helpless. He wasn't born with riches, a crown, or special features to mark Him as King. He was simply a baby. It's the day in which we take time to remember that God's own son, tiny and humble, came down to earth because He loved the world so deeply. We celebrate the day that the world and our lives changed and our souls were rescued.

Isaiah 9:6 *Jesus is our Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Everlasting Father.*

Here are a few books from our Library:

Just Life Jesus by Max Lucado. Jesus felt no guilt. God wants you to feel no guilt. Jesus had no bad habits; God wants to do away with yours. Jesus had no fears; God wants the same for you. Jesus had no anxiety about death; you needn't, either. God's desire, His plan, His goal is to make you into the image of Christ. God loves you just the way you are, but refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus.

What is Jesus Had Never Been Born? by D. James Kennedy. Organizing their comments in an articulate issue-by-issue presentation, Kennedy takes a penetrating look at famous events and little-known historical facts which demonstrate how Jesus' life has helped reshape the world for good. This book prepares you with arguments to respond to the misinformed critics.

Snow Day by Billy Coffey. Through the course of one day, Peter finds himself revisiting his past, through old friends, finding out there is a Santa Claus, though he drives a truck instead of a sleigh, and rediscovering that whatever comes in life, hope is the only choice that makes sense.

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

December Birthdays

2	Grant Terrillion
3	Jeff Oakes
	Cutler Capley
6	Ashleigh Duncan
8	Doug Williams
	Phillip Pullen
9	Archie Emery
11	Sharon Burkhalter
	Brittany Gilchrist
	Dodie Duncan
20	Vivienne Okma
21	Prentice Moore
22	Ruth Fultz
26	Ann Johnson
27	Tyler Wright
	Tom Holloway
28	Finley Johnson
31	Deric Keltner
	Gene Duncan
	Vickie Anderson
	Valinda Albert

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



From the Church Office



*We pray
you have a
blessed
Christmas,
remembering
the reason for
the season!*

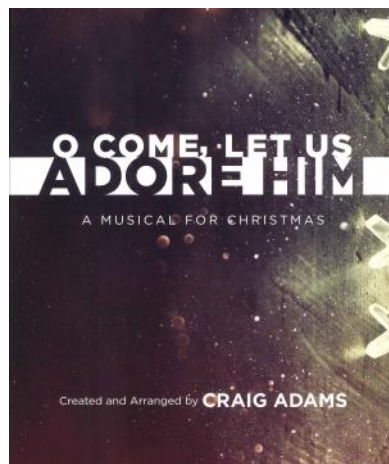
Blessings...

Your Church Staff

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December Special Events

As a part of our Lottie Moon Offering emphasis, we will be blessed to have missionaries, Jason & Elizabeth Graves, as our guest speakers in the evening worship service, **Sunday, December 10**. Come, and learn more about how our offerings help our missionaries around the world.



**Don't miss the
presentation by our Adult
Choir**

**"O Come, Let Us Adore
Him,"**

**A heartfelt manger-side
Christmas Celebration!**

**Sunday
December 17**

10:00 am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		1 9 am Homeschool facility use	2 12 Noon Charles England's SS Class Lunch at O'Charley's
3 6 pm AWANA-Backward/Inside Out Night Deacons' Meeting	4	5 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	6	7 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	8 9 am Homeschool facility use <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Facility in Use—Wedding</div>	9
Week of Prayer for International Missions - December 3-10 & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering						
10 WOW S.S. Class Luncheon @ Cricket Sehr's home following morning worship 6 pm Guest Missionary Speakers 6 pm AWANA	11	12 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	13 9:30 Homeschool 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30pm Business Mtg. Mission Friends, Children in Action	14 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6 pm Boy Scouts	15 9 am Homeschool facility use	16 5:30-8 pm Parents' Night Out
17 Adult Choir Musical Presentation in morning worship 6 pm Bassoon Choir Concert 6 pm AWANA	18	19 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	20 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg., Mission Friends, Children in Action Youth Christmas Party	21 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	22	23 A SEASON of JOY
24 CHRISTMAS EVE No Evening Service Facility in use by Slavic Church	25 CHRISTMAS DAY <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Church Office Closed</div> Facility in Use by Slavic Church	26	27 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	28	29 	30
31 New Year's Eve No Evening Service Facility in use by Slavic Church						

The Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, December 13,
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.



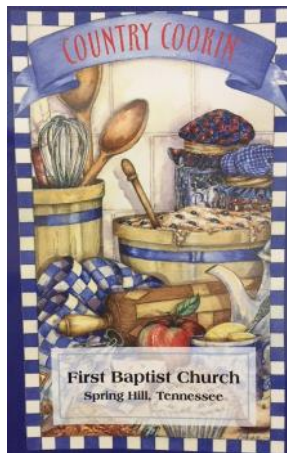
New Church Cookbooks
have arrived!!

Almost 800 Recipes are included!!

\$12.00 each

See Patty Welch to purchase your
copy.

****Note:** Christmas is here — these
cookbooks will make great gifts!!



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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

Week of Prayer for International Missions
December 3-10

For 172 years, Southern Baptist churches have sent missionaries to the unreached across the globe. Our collective work has built a foundational identity that has shaped IMB. This Christmas season, we continue that legacy by participating in the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Together we financially support more than 4,000 Southern Baptist missionaries that share the gospel all over the world. This year, our church has set a **goal of \$3,600**. Our collective giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God. Prayerfully consider how you can participate this year. Bring your offering on Sunday, give online anytime at www.fbspringhill.com, or text **FBCSH** to **73256** and follow instructions to give.



Future Growth Funding
\$12,257.66 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$366,583.37 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

KidCentral News...

We STILL have 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 (Sunday School Director) for more information.

Children's Church Worker Schedule:

December 3: Brent & Christie Johnson
December 10: Adam & Crystal Vaughn
December 17: No Children's Church
December 24: No Children's Church

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!!!

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 or at the Information Desk. Questions? Want to help out? Contact **David Warren** (317-414-1787 or indytester@gmail.com).



The **FBC Christmas Post Office** is open for business in the church lobby. Please place your cards **in front** of the letter corresponding with the first letter of the last name of the recipient. Place the money you would have spent on postage in the can. All proceeds will benefit **Operation Christmas Child 2018**. Thank you!