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The Messenger

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I hope you enjoy the following story I found. I think it is good for a Mother's Day thought. I can't remember where I found it, but here it is!

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long?" she asked. And her guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams, and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young woman cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this." Then the night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come." And the Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of the day, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary but at all times she said to her children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth - clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

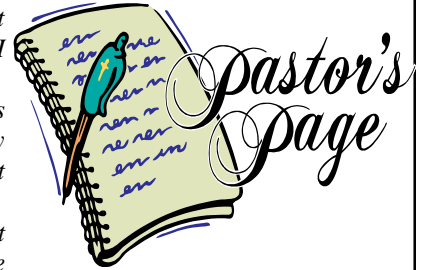
And the days went on, and the weeks and months and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were strong and tall, and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their mother; and when the way was rough they lifted her, for she was light as a feather. At last they came to a hill, golden gates flung wide. And the Mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone."

And after she had gone the children said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. She is a Living Presence."

I know for many of you Mother's Day is difficult. For some it's difficult because children weren't possible; for others, Mom is no longer physically present for you to hone, and for others Mom wasn't the perfect picture of Christ's love in your home. But on our journey in this life there are very few more important signs than "children at play," and very few individuals that shape our journey more, helping us choose the right path than Mom. This month we have an opportunity to celebrate our mothers. A good way to do that is by giving to the TN Baptist Children's Home offering that we will take up on Mother's Day.

Moms, we honor you!

Bro J



Church Library News

May - Happy Mother's Day

A day this month is dedicated to Mothers. God gave us mothers to love us and be nurtured, taught, and a part of our lives. God knew we would need mothers to be there when we fall, when we need a shoulder to cry on, when we need someone to listen to us. Even if your mom is MIA (Missing in Action), just look around you; there are many stand-in Moms able and willing to help and be there for you. We pray that God blesses the Mothers, Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers of our church and thank Him for our families.

Here are a few books from our Library:

Knowing the Face of God by Tim Stafford. There is no deeper, more intense human longing than to know God is real and to see Him face to face. All who struggle to know more of God will find help in these thoughtful insights from a fellow struggler.

Faith Under Fire by Steven J. Lawson. Temptation is inevitable, but being defeated by it isn't. In fact, God has promised His children that in every temptation He will provide a way out. Do you know how to use the arsenal God has supplied? You will once you've read this insightful book.

Flying Closer to the Flame by Charles Swindoll. If your soul is hungry for more and you are eager to experience all the blessings God has in store for you, then it's time for you to fully embrace the Spirit of God. Mr. Swindoll is convinced you have overlooked important dimensions of the Holy Spirit. And he believes we can find a more intimate and dynamic relationship with God through the Spirit.

Ephesians 6:2 *Honor your father and mother - which is the first commandment with a promise -that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.*

Yours in Christ,
Mary Robertson, Marjorie Wells, & Joan Frank

**** Please excuse our mess!! Renovations to the library space are continuing. We are excited about the changes and larger space coming!!**

May Birthdays

1	Luella Elsner	23	Mary Blake
	Brandon Boshers	24	Ainsley Easton
	Ryan Boshers	25	Danny Sharp
4	Michelle Proctor	26	Vivian Ihim
7	Charleston Guirguis		Ana Payne
8	Audrey Vaughn	29	Cindy Gilley
9	Braden Smith		Kevin Fischer
10	Rebecca Ihim	31	Nick LaRose
	Shelby Burns		
11	Deanie Moore		
13	Tommy Usery		
	Jesse Gilchrist		
15	Terry Wilkins		
	Pippa Howland		
16	Brennan Johnson		
17	Jacob Robinson		
19	Patty Christian		
	Austin Walker		
20	Crystal Vaughn		
21	Colton Capley		
22	Bill Schneider		
	John Andre		
	Lucyara Usery		

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



More Happenings at FBCSH



**Youth Sponsored
BBQ Take Out
Dinner
Friday, May 20
5-7 pm
Donation: \$10 per
meal**

*Tickets go on sale Sunday, May 1st. \$10 will get you one BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, and a cookie. This is a drive-thru event. Bring your tickets to the church on Friday, May 20th between 5 and 7 pm and pick up your to-go box of delicious dinner. Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, May 18. See Josh Howland or any of the you to purchase your tickets. **All proceeds go to send the youth to summer camp.***

From the Church Office



Wow! Just Wow!!

You folks really know how to encourage and make someone feel special!! Yes, it was "Administrative Professionals Day" but you overwhelmed me with your love and encouraging words. It

truly is my privilege to be able to serve you. Thank you for your support and gifts.

Now, I need to ask you to help me. Many of you still have not sent a photo to me for the directory. So that I can stop asking, I really need you to send that "selfie" of your smiling face!! If you don't have one, then see Prentice Moore on Sunday and he will be happy to snap a photo of you and send it to me. He is doing a great job sending me photos of all our new members! Thank you!!

Blessings...

Paula , Ministry Assistant

May 2016



Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

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

1 Music Search Cmte. Mtg. 4:00 pm Deacons' Mtg. 5:30 pm AWANA - Backwards/Inside Out	2	3 12 pm Franklin Graham's <i>Decision</i> <i>America Tour</i> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	4 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg	5 ★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 10 am Prayer Mtg. 7 pm Cover 2 Cover Bible Study	6	7
8  Happy Mother's Day! NO AWANA	9	10 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	11 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6:3 pm Business Mtg.	12 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 7 pm Cover 2 Cover Bible Study	13	14
15 5:30 pm AWANA- Store & Awards Ceremony	16 June Newsletter Items due	17 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	18 Deadline to Purchase Youth BBQ Tickets 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	19 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 7 pm Cover 2 Cover Bible Study	20 5-7 pm Youth Sponsored BBQ Drive-thru Dinner	21 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast <i>FAITH Riders</i> <i>Ride for Life</i> 9:00 am
22  Celebrating OUR GRADUATES	23	24 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	25 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	26 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 7 pm Cover 2 Cover Bible Study	27	28
29 Potluck Dinner after Morning Worship No Evening Services	30 Church Office Closed  A Day for Remembering	31 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group				

The Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, May 11
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
 (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

Ladies' Breakfast
Saturday, May 21, 8:30 am
Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Rhonda Purtle

Bring a breakfast dish to share and join in a time of prayer, inspiration, and fellowship.



Ladies' Prayer Group
Each Tuesday, 10 am
In the Senior Ladies' Sunday School Classroom

Join with a group of ladies for a time of prayer each week prior to the Ladies' Bible Study.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Cover 2 Cover

Each Thursday evening, 7:00-8:00 pm

Join Brent Johnson as he leads this group in discussion and reading through the Bible this year. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Brent for more information.

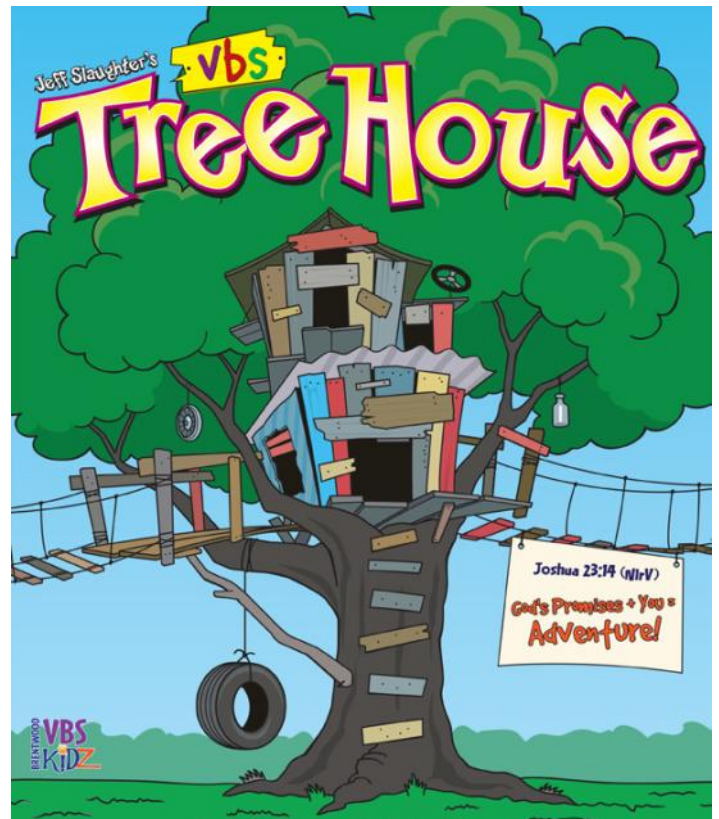


\$59, \$69 after May 1st, \$39 for young men under 18.
 Register online at www.Lifeway.com/mainevent

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 5
Prayer Meeting at FBCSH
10:00 AM



Future Growth Funding
 \$73,664.69 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$393,461.26 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



It's Time for VBS!!!

June 6-10, 8:45 am - Noon

The kids at this year's VBS will journey through different TreeHouse lessons to learn about God's Promises of Love, Hope, Salvation, Provision and Power. **Contact Patty Welch (615-308-9114) NOW to volunteer - there's a place for everyone! Registration available online.**

Items needed for VBS: Workers in ALL areas, toilet paper rolls (cardboard tubes), 16 oz. water bottles. Questions? Ask Patty!



Franklin Graham's Decision America Tour
Tuesday, May 3, 12 Noon, Legislative Plaza, Nashville

RIDE FOR LIFE

TO BENEFIT:



SPONSORED BY:
FBC SPRING HILL F.A.I.T.H. RIDERS



Spring Hill, Tennessee

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SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

REGISTRATION: 9:00 A.M.

KICKSTANDS UP: 10:00 A.M.

DONATION: \$25.00 per motorcycle

Lunch following ride!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Church Family: There are a few ways you can help your FAITH Riders with this event:

1. You can sponsor a cross "in Memory of a Veteran" or an American Flag "In Honor of a Veteran" for a \$5.00 donation. See next column or there are forms in the bulletin on May 1st, and on the table in the lobby.

2. May 14th, we will be putting crosses and flags on the front lawn of the church at 8 AM. All help is appreciated.

3. You can donate a dessert for the lunch meal on May 21st. Desserts may be brought to the church on Friday, May 20th.

4. May 21st, at 8 AM, you can come and help register the riders.

For more information, see Patty Christian or Patty Welch.

Sponsor a Cross and/or American Flag for \$5 each, by May 11.

Please make all checks payable to: FBCSH FAITH Riders

I would like to donate the following for the FBCSH FAITH Riders "Ride for Life" event on May 21st.:

_____ A Cross "In Memory of"
Name & Branch: _____

_____ An American Flag "In Honor of":
Name & Branch: _____

Donated by: _____