

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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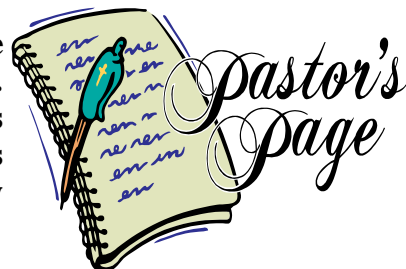
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I saw a recent article that listed the five most popular resolutions made most every year. The 5th was to take up a new hobby; the 4th was to make more money; the 3rd most popular was to stop smoking; and the most popular New Year's resolution - you guessed it - losing weight.



Speaking of losing weight, a woman walked into her bathroom at home. As she did, she saw her husband weighing himself on the bathroom scales, sucking in his stomach. The woman thought to herself, "He thinks that he will weigh less by sucking in his stomach!" So, the woman rather sarcastically said to her husband, "That's not going to help!" Her husband replied, "Sure it will. It's the only way I can see the numbers!"

Often this time of year, after the overindulgence of the holidays, we make resolutions to change our habits and our way of life. But, come the middle of January we somehow forget our resolutions and go back to our old ways. It is so easy to forget the commitments and resolutions we make at New Year's.

There is, however, one commitment we cannot forget. And that is to be passionate about telling people about God's grace through His Son, Jesus Christ. Our church makes no bones about the fact that we are actively trying to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others.

We desire to tell people about the Good News that Jesus can offer them freedom from guilt, a hope for eternity, and the power to deal with present circumstances. And we desire to tell them that all of this is not gained through good works, but it is a gift from God.

So here's the New Year's commitment I want to encourage First Baptist Church to make for 2016. **LET'S RESOLVE TO SHARE CHRIST WITH PEOPLE.** Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Folks, let's be urgent about souls.

*Bro J*

## Church Library News

## January Birthdays

### January - Happy New Year!

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word and Word was with God and the Word was God.*

He was, He is, and He will always be. These words tell us about Christ. We find comfort and security in them when we think about Christ and rest in Him as our hope and salvation. We can know that from eternity to eternity, He is the same and therefore, our confidence is sure and strong.

January is a good time to read our Bibles. We can know more about Jesus everyday. After all, God chose us and since He did, it's our choice to get to know Him.

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

**He Still Moves Stones** by Max Lucado. The purpose of this book is not to tell us what Jesus did, but to tell us what Jesus *does*. That's the message of the New Testament - God doing for people what people cannot do themselves. That is the goal of this book - to witness the tenderness of Christ. And to be reminded that what He did then, He is willing to do today.

**The Jesus I Never Knew** by Philip Yancey. The author offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and His work: His teachings, His miracles, His death and resurrection, and ultimately, who He was and why He came. 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. Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us? This is what we want to know. Does God really love us forever? How does God feel about me when I'm a jerk, when I snap at anything that moves, when my tongue is sharp enough to slice a rock. How does He feel about me then? The answer is found in one of life's sweetest words: GRACE.

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

2	Jerry Price
5	Jeffrey McDonald
9	Dan LaRose
10	Jeff Hudspeth
	Pam Harmond
12	Gail Thomason
13	Jessie Parker
14	Leanne Seiber
22	Michael Albert
23	Edward Brawner
	Sarah Fischer
25	Rita DeLozier
26	Jim Fultz
	Rhonda Purtle
30	Shelby Dial
31	Bernice Connell

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## From the Church Office

### Happy New Year!

*I hope your Christmas was bright, beautiful and blessed. Now it's back to business, so first, a little "end of year / beginning of new year" housekeeping.*

**1. Contribution Statements** - Please remember that "officially", we have until January 31 to get these to you. But, I work diligently to get them printed and ready to go by the middle of the month. We would like to save the church some postage funds, so I will let you know when my very special helpers will have them ready to give to you. Please check over the statements to be sure that I have not made a posting error. If there is a problem, please call the office and I will work with you to get it resolved. **Note: We provide statements for those who contributed more than \$250.**

**2. Offering Envelopes** - in order to be good stewards of our resources, we are recycling all our "unused" boxes of envelopes. If you are in need of more envelopes, please email or call the office. Your replacement envelopes will

be labeled and placed on the tall table in the lobby. **Note: please try to use your numbered envelope. It is a tremendous time saver when posting contributions. If you do not have numbered envelopes assigned to you, call the office and we'll get that taken care of right away.**

**3. Photos for Online Directory** - You may be tired of the announcements about this, but it is a proven fact that a photo directory helps those new to our congregation get to know everyone. Some have asked me to use the same photo as in the previous directory -- I do not have access to those photos, so I'm unable to do that. Please stop by the office during the week, and I will take your photo if you are unable to take a "selfie". You may also now send group family photos along with the individual photos, as I am now adding those to the directory.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. As always, please give me a call or send an email if you have questions.

*Paula*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>2</b> 
<b>3</b>  Deacons' Mtg.  5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Meeting Deacons' Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  5 pm Women's Ministry Team Mtg.  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>7</b>  9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <i>Painting Party At the Church 8:30 am</i>
<b>10</b>  <i>2-4 pm Shower for Valinda Albert &amp; baby girl</i>	<b>11</b>  February Newsletter Items due	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6:30pm Business Mtg	<b>14</b>  9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast Speaker: Nita Burdett
<b>17</b>  <i>International Missions Outreach Emmanuel Ihim 10 am Service</i> Potluck Luncheon following worship svc.  5:30 pm AWANA	<b>18</b>  <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b>  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>21</b>  9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 
<b>25</b>  5:30 pm AWANA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>29</b>  9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<div> <div>  </div> <div> <p><b><u>Schedule of Services:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sunday</u></b>            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 &amp; Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm</p> </div> <div> <p><b><u>Wednesday</u></b>            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</p> </div> <div>  </div> </div>						



# The Church in Action



**Painting Party**  
Saturday, January 9  
8:30 am

*Come help with the  
painting renovations of  
the sanctuary.*

**Ladies' Breakfast**  
Saturday, January 16  
8:30 am in the  
Fellowship Hall  
Speaker: Nita Burdett



*Ladies' Breakfast*

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



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
Wednesday, January, 13  
10:15 a.m.  
*Everyone is welcome!*  
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday



Sunday, January 17

## Guidance for the New Year:

**Proverbs 21:2** Every way of a man is **right** in his own eyes, But the LORD looks at the **heart**.

"Great beauty, great strength and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a **right heart** exceeds all."

-- Benjamin Franklin



CHURCH GOAL: \$3,500.00 Received to Date: \$3,600.26

## **We Surpassed Our Goal!**

Thank you to all who gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our Missionaries thank you. 100% of this offering goes directly to the missionaries throughout our world.



**International Missions Outreach**  
**Presented by Emmanuel & Vivian Ihim & family**

**Sunday, January 17, 2016**  
**in the morning worship service.**

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about this ministry.



**Sunday, January 10th, 2-4 pm**  
**Church Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we shower Valinda Albert and her baby girl. Nursery colors are **pink & brown**. They are registered at Target®. Gift cards and small items are needed.



**Future Growth Funding**  
\$136,684.91 in a Construction Acct.  
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
\$386,306.50 in a Building Fund  
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.