

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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As we come into February, we begin to think about love, primarily because of Valentine's Day. How do we know that God really loves us? 1 John 3:16 say, *"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us."* We know that God love us *"because He (Jesus) laid down His life for us."* The love of Jesus for us caused Him to lay down His life to save us. It was voluntary; nobody took His life away from Him. He laid His life down!

He not only laid His life down voluntarily, He also laid it down vicariously. *"He laid down His life for us."* That means He died on that cross for you and for me. Doesn't it make you fall in love with Him all over again? If we could live 10,000 years, we could never thank Him enough for laying down His life on the cross.

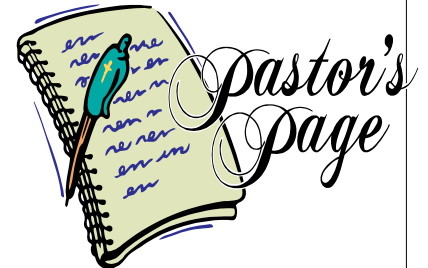
Well, because He did that John says in verse 17, *"we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."* He laid His life down to save; we ought to lay our life down to serve. That's the way we ought to live. You know, it's a wonderful way to live, to live for others. So many people just live for themselves but, oh, friends, if you really want o know how to live, learn to live for others.

William Booth was the founder of the Salvation Army. He was unable to attend one of their annual conferences and so they requested that he send them a telegram message. So, when the telegram arrived at the convention, they were all anxious to hear what profound message General Booth would have for them in their conference. When the telegram was opened and it was read, it was one word. Here's what he sent to them: **"Others."**

You see, love makes you live for others. But if there is miserliness in your heart, love cannot be there. 1 John 3:17 says, *"But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"* It is not talking here about the person who has an abundance of goods; it means the person who just simply has the necessities of life. Did you know when Jesus saw a need He was immediately drawn to it. When we see a need, it ought to draw our heart of compassion. The words "shuts up" there really mean to slam a door, or to lock a lock. So, he says if you see somebody with need and you slam the door, or if you turn the key on the lock, "how does the love of God abide in you."

Valentine's Day, like most other holidays, has become overly commercialized. We feel obligated to purchase cards, chocolates, roses, and more for the ones we romantically love. And, of course, we also include others we love on our Valentine's giving list: mom, children, etc. But have you expressed your love to God lately by serving Him? Have you expressed God's love to someone else lately by serving them? 1 John 3:18 says, *"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."* God didn't just say, "I love you!" Romans 5:8 says, *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!"* We need to show others the love we have for them by our service to them.

*Bro J*



## Library News

### FEBRUARY – Happy Valentine's Day!

According to the "History of Valentine's Day" approximately 150 million cards are exchanged, making Valentine's Day the second most popular card sending and giving holiday after Christmas. Maybe you are giving your loved ones cards, gifts, or flowers, but if you don't receive a card or gift, in His eyes, you are enough because there is no end to God's love.

On this day you are loved, cherished and redeemed. On this Valentine's Day say "I LOVE YOU" to God by reaching out to someone in need.

Psalm 35:9 *My soul shall be joyful, it shall rejoice in His salvation.*

### Here are a some book suggestions from our Library...

Because He Loves Me by Elyse M Fitzpatrick. The author has given us a helpful, encouraging, and stimulating book that explores the practical impact of God's great love for His people in every aspect of Christian living. Her insights into God's truth will equip and inspire Christians to better fulfill their chief end of glorifying and enjoying Him forever.

Hear Me When I Call by Charles R. Swindoll. The author offers these prayers "not because I consider myself eloquent, but in hopes that they might minister to you in your need. I pray this book will encourage you to make your entire life a prayer to God." The author offers prayers selected from his years of personal struggles and joys, and pairs them with wise devotional guidance.

The Reason for MY Hope by Charles Stanley. The author says God loves you, created you with unique talents and desires, and approves of you. But you must be willing to listen to God as He reveals what He wants you to be, what you can do to fulfill your potential. He is the reason for all hope.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

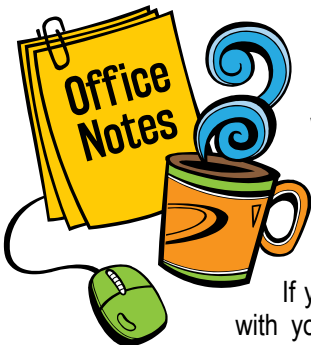
## February Birthdays

3	Alivia Easton
4	Mary Robertson
6	Melba Mainord
8	Gena Barbre
10	Misty Robinson
	Barry Huntzinger
	Noah Albert
13	Daven LaRose
14	Brandon Luker
19	Andrew Vaughn
23	Ben Barbre
	Braden Fischer
28	Melanie Brandon
29	Debe Hahn

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## From the Church Office



### From the Bookkeeper's Desk:

If you make purchases for your class or organization and you would like to be reimbursed for those items, please note that you will only be reimbursed for the cost of the items and NOT the sales tax.

If you need a tax exempt form to take with you to make the purchases, please contact the church office and I can get one to you. Be sure to leave your receipts for your purchases with a signed explanation in the box of the office door. Thank you!

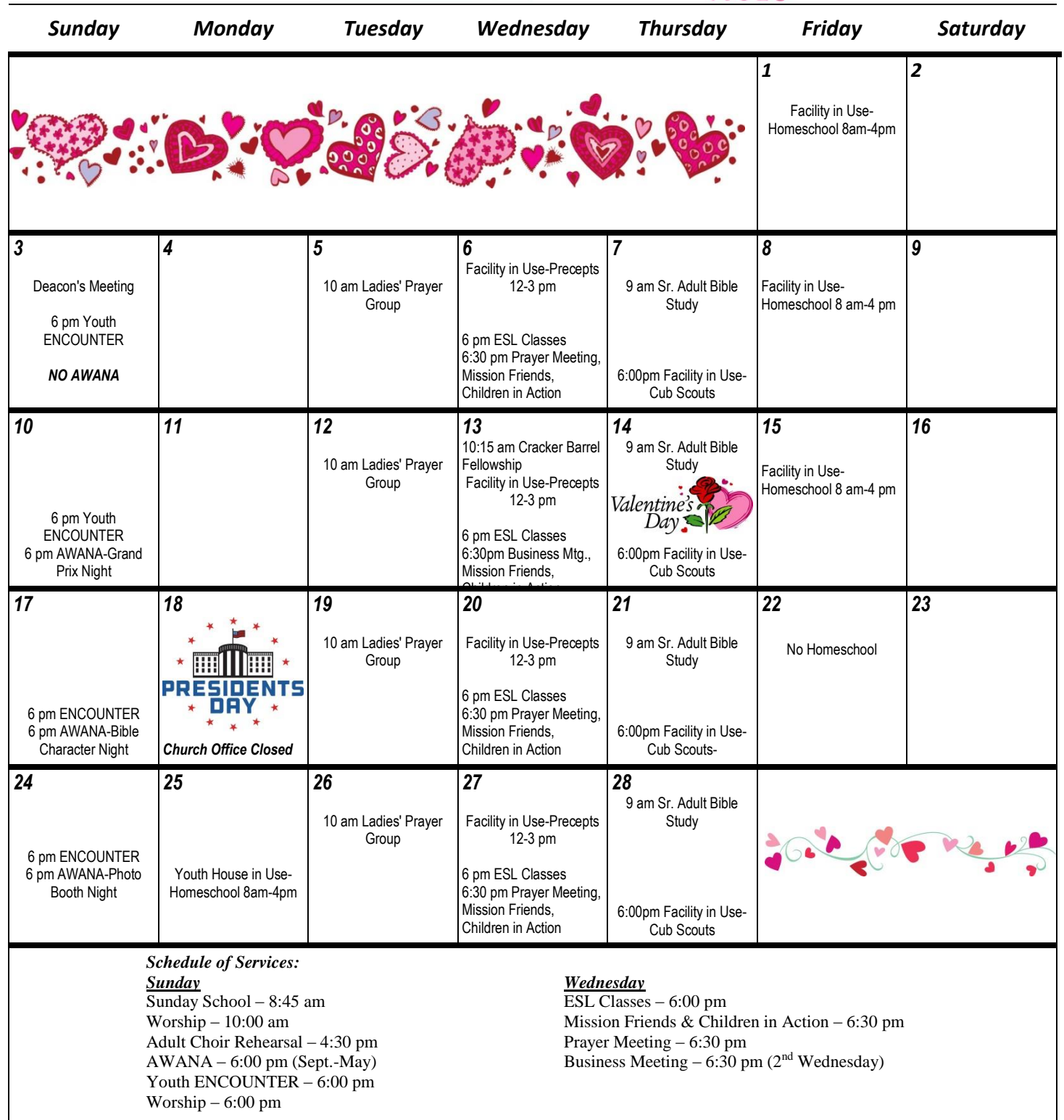
2019 Contribution Statements were hand delivered (by Jim Fultz) or mailed out on January 28. If you have not received yours or have questions, please let me know. Thank you!

**Calendar Reminder:** If your class or organization plans an event or wants to use the facility for an extracurricular activity, please be sure to check with the office so that it may be placed on the calendar and we can be sure that the facility is available. There are already dates reserved months in advance and we want everyone to be informed of the activities and events at FBCSH.

Please remember that when your Sunday School Class, or missions class, etc. plans a special activity or event, please let me know in the office. Many times, I get calls requesting information about events and it helps if I have some information so that I can provide the help requested.

Blessings...

*Paula*  
Ministry Assistant





## Our Church in Action

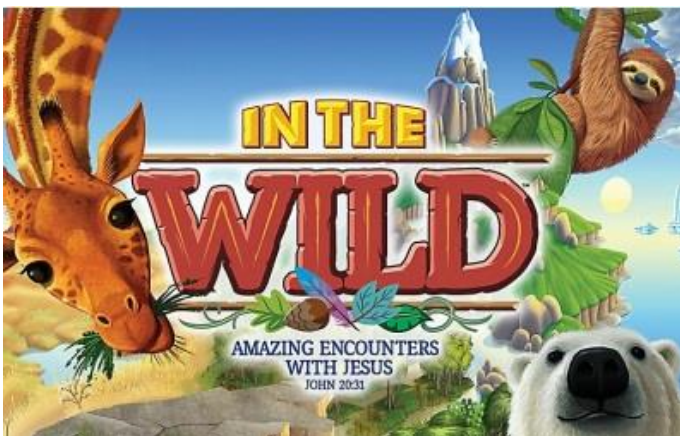


**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, February 13,**  
**10:15 am**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**  
 (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

**English as a Second Language**  
**Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

More trained leaders are needed for this ministry. Please contact Pat Springer ([patspr2@juno.com](mailto:patspr2@juno.com)) for more information.

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**Classes**



**Vacation Bible School 2019**  
**June 3-7, 8:45 am – Noon**

Believe it or not, it's time to begin planning!!! Our theme is "in the Wild." Please begin praying now that children will come to know Christ as their Savior.

There are many different ways to help: Teachers, Helpers with Recreation, Crafts, or be a part of the Kitchen Crew. Please let Patty Welch know as soon as possible of your willingness to serve (615-308-308-9114 or [PwelchM@aol.com](mailto:PwelchM@aol.com)).



**Future Growth Funding**  
 \$18,780.59 in a Construction Acct.  
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
 \$332,892.65 in a Building Fund  
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

## KidCentral News...



### Schedule

**February 3: Andrew & Kristen Rinehart**  
**February 10: Ben & Gena Barbre**  
**February 17: Eddie & Sharon Brawner**  
**February 24: The Peters Family**

### Calendar:

**February 3: NO AWANA**  
**February 10: Grand Prix Night**  
**February 17: Bible Character Night**  
**February 24: Photo Booth Night**



### **CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY, SATURDAY, February 16, 2019**

Kristen Rinehart's Children in Action class will be visiting **Traditions Assisted Living** Saturday, February 16th at 11:30. Mission Friends (age 0-5 yrs) must be accompanied by a parent. The residents will be having lunch in the cafeteria and the children will be handing out cookies and Valentine cards! Afterwards, they will be visiting residents in their rooms. Please see Kristen Rinehart if you have questions.



We are preparing all year to fill shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child 2019**. Each month will have specific items needed and everyone can participate! Thank you for bringing hats, scarves, and gloves during January. The month of **February** we are asking for **Accessories**, such as **watches, sunglasses, hair bows, and jewelry**. Please place items in the container in the lobby. Thank you!



### **Kids' Choir (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) is back again!**

Practice is Wednesday evenings during regular service times as part of Children in Action. Children will be learning songs, speaking parts, and solos for an Easter musical. **Rehearsals begin February 6.** Questions? Contact Amy Howland.



### **Background Checks**

Everyone who works with children age birth through 18 years old must have a completed background check. Please contact the church office so that you may be sent the link to complete the check online. Thank you.