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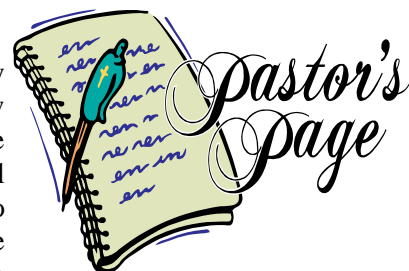
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Witnessing is the responsibility of every Christian. The word translated "witness" in the New Testament refers to one who is called upon to give credible evidence to an event about which he has personal knowledge. The Christian witness is commissioned to give testimony regarding a personal experience. The personal experience that we are to share is how to receive the Lord Jesus Christ. We can do this because we have Him in our lives. We have received Him and should want others to receive Him also.



Jesus gave to us the "Great Commission" in Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus said, *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teach them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.* In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Did you know that every Christian has been given that mission? The mission is to witness to others about our wonderful Savior!

As we attempt to share Jesus with others we need to remember who we are. Dr. Paul Powell says, "We are not lawyers. We are not judges. We are not the jury. We are not the arresting officer. We are not the prosecuting attorney. We are witnesses. We are to share what we have come to know from our own personal experience. When we do this the Holy Spirit (the lawyer) uses our witness along with the witness of others to build a case in the life of the unbeliever. In time, hopefully, he will give his verdict in favor of Christ and become His follower.

L. R. Scarborough once said, "If a man is not witness for Christ he is guilty of high treason and spiritual rebellion." The failure to witness may be our greatest failure today as Christians. Are you guilty of high treason and spiritual rebellion? Since our mission is to evangelize we must begin to witness for Christ as never before. I challenge you to go out to visit people in our community. Christ is the world's greatest need and sharing Him is our greatest privilege.

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Church Library News

October Birthdays

October - Blessings

It's important that every once in a while we sit down and take a long look at our short lives and count our blessings. Who are we that we are protected from rains and floods and tornadoes that leave hundreds of people homeless? Who are we that He has blessed our house and kept it safe? Warm in winter and cool in summer. Who are we, Lord, that you should give us health and strength to hold a job and take care of our families? Who am I?

2 Samuel 7:18: *Who am I, O Lord God...that you have brought me this far?*

Here are a few books from our Library:

The Darkness and the Dawn by Charles Swindoll. The premise of this book is the bedrock reality that suffering brings us to the grace of God. Through pain and illness, through mistreatment and fairness, great character emerges. When we contemplate the cross and the Resurrection together, and Dr. Swindoll does in this book, then we can see clearly that the path through the darkness can lead us to the dawn.

When God Doesn't Make Sense by Dr. James Dobson. This book is a sensitive, compassionate, and insightful treatment on the question of suffering. The author deals with the deep emotional struggles we have in our relationship with God when pain and suffering strike. An immensely practical book for those who are struggling with trials and heartaches they can't understand.

Hope Again by Charles R. Swindoll. Hope is a vital necessity of life - a gift that God wants to give to you. And in a world that regularly writes dreams off as foolish and drains the hope from the heart with dark pessimism. This book is a word of enthusiasm for life in the midst of any difficult situation you are in.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Robertson, Marjorie Wells, & Joan Frank

3	Clara Hall
4	Tricean Robertson
6	Alisha Terrillion
9	Roxanna Boyle
	Tabatha Thompson
10	Gwana Weaver
12	Steve Smith
13	Jerry Thompson
	Denise Maurice
14	Kenneth Bishop
15	Marilyn Legg
	Daniel Gilley
16	Tim Gilley
	Tim Love
17	Colton Wright
	Sandra Hudspeth
18	Debbie Watkins
	Phillip Seiber
20	Missi Gallimore
22	Pauline Brown
23	Christine McKee
	Jase Brandon
24	Gene Legg
	Charles Johnson
25	Joan Frank
26	Catherine McArtor
	Chase Bland
29	Sara Waddey
	Beverly Williams
30	Christian Huntzinger
31	Pam Wilkins

Happy Birthday to You!

More FBCSH Happenings!



Did you know that FBSH benefits from the groceries that you purchase at Kroger using your Kroger Rewards card? Just go to the Kroger web site and register your card for Community Rewards so First Baptist Church of Spring Hill can benefit from your shopping. We

received almost \$300.00 this past quarter. Remember, if you have registered in the past, you must renew that registration every year.

Has your address, phone number, or email address changed? Please contact the office so that we have up to date information. Also, **photos are still needed for many of you!!** Contact Prentice Moore when you are at church and he will take your picture and send it to the office so we can add it to our directory.



It's Time for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry!!!

Packing lists (do's & don'ts), shoeboxes, labels, and everything you need is ready to pick up in the church lobby.

The boxes are due back

to the designated spot in the lobby by **Wednesday, October 26**. Please note that you can pay the shipping online and then track your shoebox to see where it is delivered. If you have questions, or would prefer to donate money rather than pack a box, please see **Patty Welch** and she will be happy to assist you!!

October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Pastor Appreciation Month						1 2016 JAM for Missions
2 Deacons' Mtg. 5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA - Sports Team Night	3 Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 am & 6:00 pm	4 6:30 am Youth Prayer Breakfast @ Bojangles 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	5 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	6 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	7	8
9  <i>Lord's Supper in Evening Service</i>	10 Ladies' Bible Study 10 am & 6:00 pm  COLUMBUS DAY <u>Church Office Closed</u>	11 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	12 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6:30 pm Business Mtg	13 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	14	15 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast FAITH Riders Rumble for the Kids
16	17 Ladies' Bible Study 10 am & 6 pm November Newsletter Items due	18 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	19 10 am Homeschool Group using facilities 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	20 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	21 	22 4 pm Fall Family Event
23	24 Ladies' Bible Study 10 am & 6 pm	25 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group 6 pm Maury Bapt. Annual Mtg., Mooresville Bapt.	26 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg. Youth Pizza Night	27 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	28	29 12-4 pm Fellowship Hall in use
30 <i>"Blessings" Covered-Dish Dinner Following morning worship</i> <u>No Evening Activities</u>	31 	Schedule of Services: <u>Sunday</u> Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School - 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm KidsPraise! Children's Choir - 5:30 pm AWANA - 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May) Worship - 6:00 pm <u>Wednesday</u> 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 - 7:30 pm				

The Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, October 12
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
 (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

Saturday, October 15
8:30 am

Speaker: Cathy Wood will share her amazing journey with God in 2016. Bring a breakfast dish to share and join a time of good food, fellowship, and inspiration.
 All ladies invited.



Ladies' Breakfast

English as a Second Language Classes
Each Wednesday
6-7:30 pm

In the fellowship hall

We will soon be scheduling another time for training for anyone who would like to teach English to our precious international friends living in our community. Please see Pat Springer for more details.



"Blessings" Covered Dish Dinner
Sunday, October 30, 2016
Following the morning worship service

Bring your dinner with you to church - enough to share - and join in a time of fellowship and thankfulness.
 Let's Count our Blessings!!

****There will be no evening activities following the dinner.**



Future Growth Funding
 \$62,210.29 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$369,682.70 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



The joy of new lunchboxes and new teachers may have already worn off in your house, but we are **EXCITED** about all the "new" going on in kids and family ministry at FBCSH!! First, we have a new office downstairs (formerly the AWANA Office) that will be your source for all things kid-related. Here you will find children's church curriculum, supplies, family interest forms, and a central spot for information.

- ♪♪♪♪ And we have **KidsPraise!** Children's choir beginning Sunday, October 2 at 5:30 pm. ♪♪♪♪
- And...**AWANA** is back for FBCSH kids beginning October 2. We still have a few spots remaining in most classes if you missed sign-ups.
- And...you can still be a part of the fun - it is not just for kids around here! We have areas where we need adult help during all service times.
- And...lastly, you can contact us at our **new Children's Ministry email:** fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.



Fall Family Event: Saturday, October 22, 4:00 pm. Round up the kids and their various balls and bubbles and join us for burgers at the park. Location details coming soon!!

Children's Church is a time of worship designed especially for Kindergarten through 4th grade students. Please bring your child to meet our teachers at the back of the sanctuary during the welcome time. Pick up is in the fellowship hall at the end of the service. For the safety of your student, please note that children will only be dismissed to their parent or grandparent. If you are able to join our quarterly teaching rotation, please contact Crystal Vaughn at cvaughn520@hotmail.com.

Children's Church



Children's Church Worker Schedule:

Oct. 2: Julie Crotzer & Debbie Watkins
Oct. 9: Christy & Dale Ploen
Oct. 16: Ben & Gena Barbre
Oct. 23: Aaron & Amy Easton
Oct. 30: No Children's Church