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As we enter into November the first thing that a usually comes to our mind is Thanksgiving. Our thoughts turn to the day which has been set aside to give thanks, individually, and as a nation, for all that God has blessed us with. You may have already been making plans about where you are going to be on that day and what you are going to be doing. I hope that in all of your activities during this month that you will truly be thankful.



The writer of Hebrews said in 13:15-16, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Bring pleasure to the Lord this year by giving Him thanks. Thanksgiving also blesses our lives. Thanksgiving always brings added blessing to the one who is thankful. It will cause us to have a proper concept of priorities in our lives. It helps us understand to whom we owe our very lives. Have you in a real and tangible way said, "Thank you" to the Savior who rescued you?

One of the characteristics of the last days is being unthankful. Paul said in 2 Timothy 3:2, "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, *unthankful*, unholy..." May it never be said of us who bear the name of Christ that we have contributed in any way to this spirit of ingratitude that is sweeping the world today! Can Jesus look down at your life and find a thankful heart?

We will have our Thanksgiving Fellowship on Sunday, November 4th after the morning service. What a wonderful opportunity to come together with our brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate and thank Christ for His blessings on our lives. Make plans now to be a part of this wonderful time. And, by the way, "Thank You" for allowing me the privilege of being your pastor!

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Library News

November – Happy Thanksgiving

During the days leading up to Thanksgiving, it's common to list all the things you're grateful for. But gratitude isn't just for the holidays, it's for every day. What if each and every day you sought out things to be grateful for?

God fills our lives with so many good gifts – the laughter of children, hot turkey on a cold afternoon, and red cardinals against the snow. His gifts are all around; you only need eyes to see and a heart turned toward thanksgiving. Gratitude is an essential part of finding true contentment. How would your life be different if you were to live in gratitude each day all year long?

We pray that our whole church has a happy Thanksgiving.

Here are a few books from our Library...

<u>A Love Worth Giving</u> by Max Lucado. Finding it hard to love? Someone in your world is hart to forgive? Is patience an endangered species? Is kindness a forgotten virtue? If so, you may have forgotten a step, an essential first step: Living loved. God loves you; personally, powerfully, passionately. Others have promised and failed. But God has promised and succeeded. He loves you with an unfailing love. And His love – if you let it – can fill you and leave you with a love worth giving.

<u>Searching for Heaven on Earth</u> by David Jeremiah. History's most successful man, Solomon, wondered "Where can I find a little heaven on earth?" Solomon wondered just that! And as the author shows us, he was a man who tested life's haunting questions head-on. And he tasted life's riches full-on. He also found his answers in the last place he thought to look. Listen, then, to His voice. A voice that, if you pay attention, will speak directly to your flesh and bones and heart. A voice that admits: maybe happiness is an empty hope. Or maybe we've been looking in all the wrong places.

<u>He Chose the Nails</u> by Max Lucado. Much has been said about the gift of the Cross, but what of the other gifts? What of the nails, the crown of thorns? What about the garment taken? What about the garments given? Have you taken the time to open these gifts? He didn't have to give them, you know. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet He did much more.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

November Birthdays

1	Emily Vogt
3	Doris Stephens
8	Peyton Andre
10	Glynn Brown
11	Don Gray
	John Boyle
12	Nathaniel Huntzinger
14	Denise Bearden
	Jason Terrillion
15	Hannah Long
16	Helen Huntzinger
	Lexi Mefferd
18	Pat Springer
	Brooks Hester
19	Brenda Bland
22	Allen Hall
24	Jane Love
	Bentley Andre
25	Tyson Peters
26	David Long
28	Marjorie Wells
	Geft Apollon
30	Sam Long

Happy Birthday to You!



From the Trustees

This is God's House and the responsibility to keep it nice doesn't fall entirely to the Trustees, but to ALL who use the facility. The Trustees would like to make sure everyone is aware of some policies that will aid in the upkeep and care of our facility.

Santuary

1. Absolutely NO food or drinks are to be taken into the sanctuary (except water). This includes snacks for little ones. We are having difficulty with black stains on the carpet; please help us find out what this might be and how to stop the staining.

2. Please NEVER move the sound equipment unless you have specific permission to do so. This causes issues with the equipment. And, only our trained personnel are to run the sound board.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

1. Water is being added to the soap dispensers in the restrooms by someone (not the cleaning crew). Please do not add water. If the restrooms need attention, please let a trustee know.

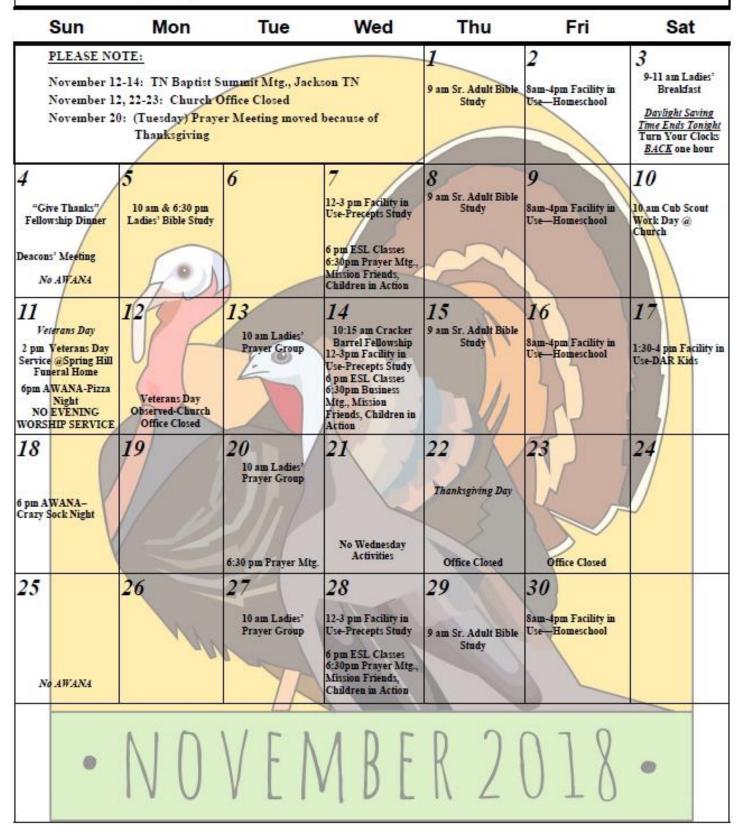
2. Leaders of groups using facility are responsible for turning out ALL lights, locking ALL doors. Please DO NOT prop doors open. It is not good stewardship of our resources to heat & cool the outside.

3. Renovations downstairs are nearly complete. Please DO NOT use staples, push-pins, or tape on the walls. We now have Mavulus™ Tape for your use.

4. Dry Erase Board Cleaner is available for each classroom (the church provides this for you). Please clean boards following each use. **NEVER** use permanent marker on the boards.

5. If you have suggestions or concerns about the church facilities, please contact a Trustee: Archie Emery, Bruce Hull, Bryan Crawford, Jerry McLain, Terry Wilkins, Tim Love, Vern Burdett, or Jim Fultz (Chairman). We ask for your help in keeping God's House in good repair.

I want to say a big "Thank You" to all the ones who have volunteered their blood, sweat, tears, equipment, and hours of time during the renovations and now the care of our church building. It doesn't just happen; it takes work. Schedule of Services: <u>Sunday</u> 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 <u>Wednesday</u> 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



Our Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship Wednesday, November 14, 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 (<u>patspr2@juno.com</u>) for more information.





Central News...

<u>Schedule</u> November 4: No Children's Church November 11: Peters Family November 18: Sharon & Eddie Brawner November 25: TBD



<u>Calendar:</u>

November 4: No AWANA November 11: Pizza Night (No Evening Worship Service) November 18: Movie Night November 25: No AWANA



Shoebox Packing Party

There are still some shoeboxes available for packing in the lobby. We only have a few days left before we send the boxes off to the local collection area. We will have a Packing Party on Friday, November 9th, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Help us pack up all the boxes and have some great fellowship at the same time! For more information, contact Patty Welch (615-308-9114 or pwelchm@aol.com).



International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Sunday, November 4, 2018 Visit www.persecution.com to learn more.

Reminder!! Ladies' Breakfast: "Let Your Light Shine" Guest: Lisa Spencer, WSMV Meteorologist Saturday, November 3, 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall

Please remember to let the church office know about your class or organization gatherings celebrating the season so they can be noted on the church calendar! Thank you!!



Future Growth Funding Update

Future Growth Funding \$13,692.65 in a Construction Acct. at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank \$342,956.81 in a Building Fund at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



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.



Dear Church Friends:

The Stephens Family, Staff of Spring Hill Memorial Park, Funeral Home & Cremation Services, and the City of Spring Hill cordially invite you to attend the 18th annual Spring Hill Veterans Day Service <u>honoring the Veterans of the United States</u> <u>of America.</u> Our keynote speaker this year will be Lt. Col. Brooke Grubb, Commander of the 30th Troop Command at the Tullahoma Readiness Center. special music and organizations will participate at the service as well. There will be special recognition to honor all past, present, and future veterans.

This service will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at Spring Hill Memorial Funeral Home, located at 5239 Main Street in Spring Hill. <u>Please join the</u> <u>entire community</u> for a tribute to those that have served our country and those that continue to serve today. We appreciate the support this community has shown our veterans in the past and hope to see you there. For additional information, please contact Spring Hill Memorial at (931) 486-0059.