



# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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Little Billy was in the second grade and he was having a bad day. He was bumped while getting on the school bus and skinned his knees. At recess he collided with another boy and two of his teeth were knocked loose. At noon, while sliding on ice, he fell and broke his wrist. The school called Billy's father, who came to take the boy to the hospital. On the way to the hospital, his father noticed Billy was clutching something in his hand. "What do you have in your hand," he asked his son. Billy said, "I've got a quarter. I found it on the ground when I fell and broke my wrist. This is the first quarter I ever found. Boy, this is my lucky day!"



I like that little story because little Billy discovered an important lesson we all need to learn. He learned how to have a grateful heart in the midst of unpleasant circumstances. The Apostle Paul also had learned that lesson for he said in Philippians 4:11, *"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances"* (NIV). Whatever the circumstance Paul faces life with a grateful heart. Do you have a grateful heart?

Gratitude is not automatic. Even though we can be content in our circumstances, gratitude usually does not grow out of the circumstances of our lives. It is a choice, an attitude with which we deliberately decide to face the circumstances of our lives. The sad truth, however, is that many of us choose to face life with a gripe and a growl rather than with gratitude. Gratitude is not just a mask we wear to impress others. Gratitude should be the controlling characteristic of our lives.

Speaking of gratitude let me say "Thank You!" for the many expressions of appreciation given to us for Pastor Appreciation Month. We have been overwhelmed by your gifts. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to be your Pastor. I am filled with anticipation for the blessings that God has in store for First Baptist.

Let me close with this poem called...

***"Thanksgiving Arithmetic"***

*COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS instead of your crosses,  
COUNT YOUR GAINS instead of your losses,  
COUNT YOUR JOYS instead of your woes,  
COUNT YOUR FRIENDS instead of your foes,  
COUNT YOUR SMILES instead of your tears,  
COUNT YOUR COURAGE instead of your fears,  
COUNT YOUR COURAGE instead of your fears,  
COUNT YOUR HEALTH instead of your wealth,  
COUNT ON GOD instead of yourself.*

*Bro J*

## Church Library News

### November - Happy Thanksgiving!

We thank God for all He is, not only what He does for us, but the awesome God who chose us to belong to Him.

Our God is amazing. He is love, truth, light, patient, fair, generous, merciful, just; the list could go on and on. When we give thanks to our beloved God we concentrate on Him and draw close to Him in every part of our lives, not only this day, but every day.

Psalm 118:28 *You are my God and I will give You thanks; You are my God and I will exalt You.*

We pray that you and your families have a thankful and blessed day.

Here are a few books from our Library:

**Drawing Closer** by Glen Martin. This book not only identifies the steps that bring you closer to God; it gives you specific details for making your next move, plus suggestions about the inevitable roadblocks and challenges. You'll know what to do, and more importantly, how to do it.

**The Reason For My Hope** by Charles Stanley. The author reveals the universal, yet extremely personal, reasons for remaining hopeful no matter what the circumstance. He shares God's desire to restore, strengthen, and infuse the believer with life-giving, joy-filled hope.

**Our Unmet Needs** by Charles Stanley. The author focuses on the root causes of why our needs go unfulfilled. He confronts the habit and addictions that separate us from God's promise to meet our needs while demonstrating how to align our lives with God's plan. Hope to the discouraged, assurance to the doubting and guidance to the directionless.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Robertson, Marjorie Wells, & Joan Frank

## November Birthdays

2	Kenneth Anderson
3	Doris Stephens
6	Katherine Lockhart
8	Benjie Gentry Peyton Andre
10	Glynn Brown
11	Don Gray John Boyle
13	Rachel Ihim
14	Denise Bearden Jason Terrillion
16	Cathy Wood Ana Aponte Mason Robbins Helen Huntzinger
17	Janet Hicks
18	Pat Springer
19	Brenda Bland
22	Allen Hall
23	Megan Sharp
24	Jane Love
28	Marjorie Wells Geft Apollon

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## From the Church Office

### Church Directory and Database Updates

You may wonder why the church office is always asking for you to update your information. The reason is that the church office is one of the first places you call when you are unable to get in touch with someone in the church family. If we don't have correct information, we are not able to be of assistance.

Please help me stay up to date! **If you have had a change of address, phone number, or Email,** please pick up a form on the table in the lobby, fill it out, fold it and place it in the box on the office door. (Remember, we need a form for each member of your family.)

Are you receiving the Newsletter, prayer requests, and event updates by email? If not, please mark that on the update forms. We do not send emails to those who have not given us permission to do so. So, help me know who to add to the lists by updating your information.

Thank you!

### How long has it been since the last picture directory was printed?

Hmmmm...it has been longer than 3 years - I don't have the exact date of the previous printed directory. Our active member directory is available online, but there are no photos.

We are going to change that. In this day of the "selfie" we are going to add pictures to our directory, but we need your help. Choose your BEST SELFIE - just a "head shot" of each member of your family and email your photo to [fbcshn@bellsouth.net](mailto:fbcshn@bellsouth.net). Use the individual's name as the photo file name...For example, the file name for my photo here is PaulaZ. A photo directory is a tremendous tool in helping us get to know each other better.

Start sending those photos ASAP and we will have a new photo directory in short order!

Blessings...

*Paula*, Ministry Assistant





# 2015

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

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

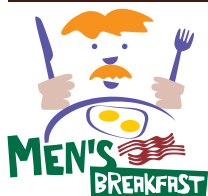
Children in Action - 6:30 pm  
 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm  
 Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm  
 Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm  
 Instrumental Rehearsal



<b>1</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church</i>  5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Meeting	<b>2</b>  6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	<b>3</b> 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	<b>4</b>  6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>5</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 2 pm Veterans' Memorial Svc. at Spring Hill Funeral Home  5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Meeting	<b>9</b>  6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	<b>10</b> 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	<b>11</b> 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6:30pm Business Mtg	<b>12</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast
<b>15</b> <i>We Gather Together</i>  <b>Thanksgiving Blessings Meal 5:30 pm</b>	<b>16</b>  6 pm Ladies' Bible Study  December Newsletter Items due	<b>17</b> 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	<b>18</b>  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>19</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast  <b>Youth Turkey Bowl</b>
<b>22</b>  5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Mtg.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <div>Church Office Closed</div>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  FIRST SUNDAY OF <b>ADVENT</b> No AWANA	<b>30</b>					



# The Church in Action



**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday, November 14,  
8:00 am

**All men & boys invited**  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Ladies' Breakfast**  
Saturday, November 21,  
8:30 am  
In the Fellowship Hall—  
bring a breakfast dish  
to share



*Ladies' Breakfast*



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

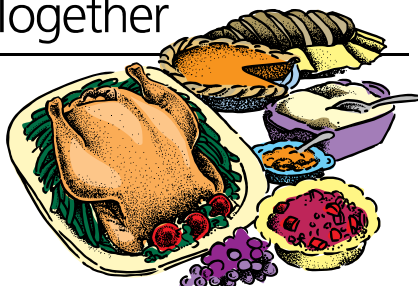
**Family**

*Connection*

**December 4th at 6:30 pm.** Jump start the Christmas season with a Family Connection potluck and children's gift exchange in the Fellowship Hall at FBC. Break out those Christmas sweaters (ugly or otherwise), jingle bell earrings and Grandma's best kept family recipe and let's celebrate together before the month gets crazy! Bring a potluck dish to share and a \$5 wrapped gift for any kiddo wanting to participate in the gift exchange. Drinks, paper goods and sugar cookie decorating supplies are provided.

**Family Connection** is a group of young(ish) families who come together for fellowship and fun. We purpose to love, support and pray for each other. Come join us!!

*We Gather Together*



**Thanksgiving Blessings Covered Dish Meal**  
Sunday, November 15, 5:30 pm

(Watch your email & Sunday Bulletins for more details soon)



**Lifeline Memory Verses 2015**  
November Verses

October 25-November 1: James 1:17, Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and come down from the Father...

November 2-8: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.

November 9-15: Philippians 4:6, Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

November 16-22: 1 Thessalonians 5:18, In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

November 23-29: Romans 8:28, And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

November 30-5: Romans 8:28, And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.



**The Shoe Boxes are Here! We don't have a lot of time...** Shoe boxes are available in the church lobby, along with brochures containing gift lists and box labels. You may pack a box or donate items and money so that we can fill the boxes. Items needed are washcloths, soap, toothbrush & paste, school supplies, small stuffed

animals, toys, t-shirts. All donations and boxes need to be returned to the church by November 15. **Packing / Pizza Party on November 16 at 6:00 pm.** There are more ways to help, so please see Gena Barbre or Debbie Watkins to volunteer or for more information.



**It's time to prepare next year's budget.** Budget worksheets have been printed for all committee chairpersons and are on the table in the lobby. Please prepare your Budget request and turn in to Aaron Easton or place in the box on the church office door. Thank you!

**Future Growth Funding**  
\$136,855.24 in a Construction Acct.  
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
\$377,862.72 in a Building Fund  
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

