



First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

The Messenger

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Summer is upon us now and we need to keep our Sunday attendance up. Let's be busy about inviting people to Sunday School and worship and also let's be faithful in our own attendance. Also, let's not forget our Sunday night services.

We also need to remember that when we are on vacation the work and expenses of the church continues. That means we need you to still give while you are away. Our budget has been hurting over the past several months. How can you help? By being a faithful giver! When we study the Word of God we discover that the Lord expects us, in every area of our lives, to be faithful and accountable to Him. The stewardship area, how we relate ourselves to the matter of our finances, is certainly no exception. A good test of a church and test of you as an individual is how you respond to the matter of what you do with your money.

As you know the Nominating Committee is searching to fill positions for the next church year. I hope that if you have been contacted that you are prayerfully considering taking a position. Below is a little piece that I have used a few times. As you read it ask yourself, "Which one of these describes me?"

I'M A SITTER

I just want to sit and enjoy doing nothing. It is easier to sit and think about my aches and pains and hope everything will be all right down at the church for next Sunday.

I'M A QUITTER

I taught a class once; I served my time. I even visited a time or two but there was no one at home. If anything is done, let somebody else do it. I don't agree with Paul when he wrote about "pressing on to the high calling of God."

I'M A GETTER

The more I evaluate God and His salvation plan for me, the more I just naturally want to do for Him. Even today He is preparing a place for me in eternity. If He has not stopped working for me, then I must get things done for Him here on earth.

Are you a Sitter, a Quitter, or a Getter? The decision is yours! If asked to assume a place of leadership, weigh the question prayerfully and answer as God leads.

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August: Glorious Summer

God's creation is glorious in Summer. Flowers are in bloom, plump tomatoes appear in the garden, butterflies float in the breeze, and evenings are for star gazing.

Even if you're busy and your free time is scarce, take time to look around you and enjoy all God's creation and feel the love of our great Shepherd.

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 *He who plants and he who waters are one...We are God's fellow workers.*

Here are a few books from our Library:

The Great House of God by Max Lucado. It's the perfect home for you. After all, it was created with you in mind. There's only one home built just for your heart. No house more complete; no structure more solid. The roof never leaks, the walls never crack, the foundation never trembles. In God's house you are home, so come into the house built just for you. Your Father is waiting.

No Wonder They Call Him the Savior by Max Lucado. It all comes down to one thing. When our life feels hollow, what can fill it with meaning? If you are asked "What makes Christianity different from any other religion?" how would you answer? When you need reassurance that someone deeply loves you, where can you turn? To accept or reject Christ without careful examination of Calvary is like deciding on a car without looin at the engine. So take a good look at the cross. Most of all observe the One they call the Savior.

Powere of the Cross by Tim Lahaye. Many people think of the cross as a symbol of what Jesus did for us nearly 2000 years ago. However, the author reveals through amazing stories that the cross is far more; it can change the course of your life today! Discover how God is at work around the world redeeming broken lives and making them whole. Every story is unique, yet all have one thing in common; new life begins at the cross.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Robertson, Vivienne Okma, & Joan Frank

1	Shelia Chitwood	24	Amos Jarman
2	Addison burns	26	Todd Whitworth
6	Dale Ploen	27	Faye Stamps
7	Andy Burdett		Tom Hagerty
	Eva Terrillion	28	Heather Blevins
	Britton Duncan	31	Vicki James
8	Sharon Brawner		
	Chance Bland		
9	Shirley Young		
10	Robert McArtor		
	Brent Johnson		
	Amy Howland		
12	Sarah Sseiber		
13	Chase Pullen		
14	Sharon Grace		
	Raven England		
15	Julie Hull		
16	Misti Boshers		
17	Nita Burdett		
19	Lauren Bailey		
20	Vern Burdett		
21	Keith Groves		

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

First of all, thank you FBCSH for allowing me to serve in your church office. It is truly a joy and I am thankful for the many friendships that have developed as a result of being in the office each day. Because I am not a member of FBCSH and do not attend services here, it is difficult sometimes for me to know all the dates I should have on the calendar, or all the prayer requests, and especially any updates in your information. So please, send me an email or call the office and keep me informed so that all our records and our calendar are up to date! Thank you!!



I know I sound like a broken record, but this is true!! Not a week passes that I don't show someone the great information available on your smart phone through the **Church Life App**. Go to your app store and search for **ACS Church Life**...And...It is FREE!! You have access to the church directory, online giving, your contribution records, and more.

Download the app TODAY!! And remember you can also give offerings to the church by texting **FBCSH** to **73256** and following the directions. It's super easy! Have questions or need help setting up the app —call me. I can help!!

The Nominating Committee is working diligently to find workers for all areas of church service; committees, children's workers, Sunday School teachers...I ran across this the other day about the origin & importance of Sunday School...

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.

Blessings...

Paula, Ministry Assistant



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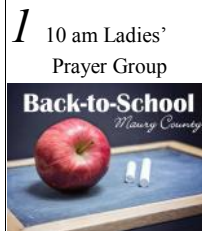
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1 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group
6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.

3 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study

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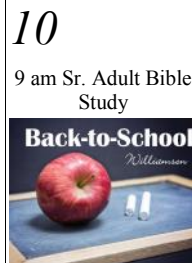
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6 pm Cool Kids!

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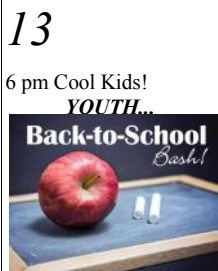
8 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group
6:30 pm Homeschool Facility in Use

9 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship
6:30pm Business Mtg.



11 10 am Homeschool Open House - facility in use

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13 6 pm Cool Kids!
YOUTH...

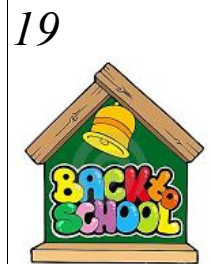
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15 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group

16 6 pm ESL Classes
6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.,
Mission Friends,
Children in Action

17 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study

18 9 am Homeschool facility use



20 5-7 pm Kids Water Night & AWANA Registration

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22 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group

23 9:30 am Homeschool (Facility in Use)
6 pm ESL Classes
6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.,
Mission Friends,
Children in Action

24 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study
6 pm Boy Scouts

25 9 am Homeschool facility use

26 9:30 am WOW Class Breakfast @ Christy's 6th Street Restaurant & Cafe

27 Children's Ministry Workers' Mtg. following morning worship

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29 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group

30 6 pm ESL Classes
6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.,
Mission Friends,
Children in Action

31 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study



Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Sunday School - 8:45 am
Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm
Cool Kids! - 6:00 pm
AWANA - 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May)
Worship - 6:00 pm

Wednesday

ESL Classes - 6:00 pm (begin Aug. 16)
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



The Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, August 9
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

**English as a Second
Language Classes**
Begin again Wednesday,
August 16, 6:00 pm

For more information or to
volunteer in this ministry,
please see Pat Springer.



KidCentral News...



Cool Kids continues the first two weeks of August!! Students from kindergarten thru 6th grade are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays from 6-7 pm. We still need to put on the Helmet of Salvation and take up the Sword of the Spirit!!

Children's Church Worker Schedule:

August 6: Allen & Heather Hall
August 13: Kimberly Pullen & Laura Sparkman
August 20: The Peters Family
August 27: Eddie & Sharon Brawner



Children in Action begins again
Wednesday, August 16, 6:30 pm

****We need workers for our children's mission organization. Please call the office, see the pastor, or a Nominating Committee Member to volunteer today!!****



Your Nominating Committee is still seeking volunteers for teachers, helpers, and committee members for the new church year. **Everyone** has a gift to be used in sharing the gospel. There are many areas available for service. Please seek out **Mike Welch, Doug Williams, Roxanna Boyle, Deanie Moore, Archie Emery, or John Boyle** to let them know of your area of interest and willingness to serve.



We are collecting shoes (especially larger sizes for older children) and socks. Please place your donations of new (no sandals) shoes in the box in the church foyer. If you are unable to shop, please contact

Helen Huntzinger—she will be happy to do the shopping for you! Questions? See Kathy Miller. **Money Donations also accepted—please designate your gift to “Shoes”. Thank you!



Future Growth Funding
\$18,550.54 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$362,098.34 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



AWANA Registration & Back to School Bash!
Sunday, August 20, 5-7 pm

School is in session and that means it is time for AWANA!!! We'll celebrate both with some water fun outside the youth house. Families and kiddos aged birth to 6th grade are invited to come when you can, get wet, and enjoy a sweet treat!! Come register or come play or come do both! AWANA begins Sunday, September 10th.

****We still need 5 Adult Leaders for AWANA. If you can help in one of the classes, please call/text Julie Hull @ 629-201-1532 or email: fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com**

Children's Ministry Worker Lunch & Training
Sunday, August 27th, immediately following morning worship service

If you will serve with kids aged birth—18 years old in ANY capacity (nursery, AWANA, Sunday School teacher, Children's Church, Youth Council, etc.) in the new church year, this meeting is for YOU! Most importantly, we will feed you a delicious lunch in the fellowship hall. It is our way of saying “thanks a million” for serving Jesus with our precious kids. We will also do a review of our church's policies for working with kiddos, equip you with knowledge of where supplies are and who to go to if you need help, as well as answer any questions you have. PLEASE make every effort to be there!!

Coming Saturday, September 23rd....Bonfire & Weenie Roast at the Boshers' house!! Details comin in September but get the date on your calendar now!!

Want to stay updated on all the Children's and Family Ministry happenings? Family information sheets are available in the KidsCentral office downstairs and at the nursery sign in desk. All things kids and family will be communicated through this group. Don't miss a minute - sign up today!!!

Opportunities to serve: We have immediate needs for adult volunteers in Children's Church and Nursery Care. Please contact the church office or email fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com to join our team!