



# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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There was a teacher in a Christian elementary school that told the children in her class the story of Jesus as Easter was approaching. Then to emphasize the idea of new life springing forth, she gave each of the children a large plastic egg with this assignment: "I want you to take this home and bring it back tomorrow with something inside that shows new life. Do you understand?"

All the children responded enthusiastically, "Yes, Miss Miller!" All of them, that is, except for one boy named Jeremy, who had some learning disabilities. The teacher thought, "Had he understood what she had said about Jesus' death and resurrection? Did he understand the assignment?" The teacher thought perhaps she could call his parents and explain the project to them, but she got busy and forgot.

The next morning, 19 children came to school, laughing and talking as they placed their eggs in a large wicker basket on Miss Miller's desk. Soon, it was time to open the eggs. In the first egg, Miss Miller found a flower. She said, "Oh yes, a flower is certainly a sign of new life. When plants peek through the ground we know that spring is here." A small girl in the first row waved her arms. "That's my egg, Miss Miller," she called out. The next egg contained a plastic butterfly, which looked real. The teacher held it up. She said, "We all know that a caterpillar changes and grows into a beautiful butterfly. Yes, that is new life, too." Little Judy smiled proudly and said, "Miss Miller, that one is mine!" Next, the teacher found a rock with moss on it. She explained that moss, too, showed life. Joe said, "That's my egg."

Then the teacher opened the fourth egg. But the egg was empty! Surely it must be Jeremy's, she thought, and obviously, he didn't understand her instructions. If only she hadn't forgotten to phone his parents. Because she did not want to embarrass him, she quietly set egg aside and reached for another. Suddenly Jeremy spoke up. "Miss Miller, aren't you going to talk about my egg?" A bit flustered, the teacher said, "But Jeremy - your egg is empty!" He looked into her eyes and said softly, "Yes, but Jesus' tomb was empty, too!" Miss Miller smiled and said, "Yes! Yes! We do have new life because of the empty tomb!"

Truly, the greatest symbol of new life is found in an empty tomb! Let's celebrate the new life we have in Christ this Easter!

*From the  
Pastor*

*Bro. JC*

## Church Library News

### April - Happy Easter

This Holy Day is important and special for Christians. It's a time of sorrow and amazing love. Jesus submitted to God's plan for salvation. He agreed to a plan that would have Him release ecstasy and accept agony. He willingly said yes and because He said yes, we are forgiven our sins.

If we thank God everyday, many times a day, we will never take His love for granted.

John 6:38 *I have come down from heaven not do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

Here are a few books from our Library...

**Resurrection** by Hank Hanegraaff. Understanding resurrection will radically change the way you live your life today. Because with out resurrection there is no hope. Indeed, without resurrection, there is no Christianity. The author provides reasoned, biblical responses to false views concerning resurrection and answers some of the most frequently asked questions about resurrection.

**The Passion of Jesus Christ** by John Piper. Why did Christ suffer and die? The central issue of Jesus' death is not the cause, but the meaning - God's meaning. That is what this book is about. John Piper has gathered from the New Testament fifty reasons. What did God achieve for sinners like us in sending His Son to die?

**How to Be Like Jesus** by Pat Williams. This author offers a fresh new look at who Jesus really was as a person - his mind, his wisdom, his love, his courage, his goodness and his humanity. By blending Matthew, Mark, Luke & John into one, you will walk alongside the greatest human being who ever lived.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

## April Birthdays

4	Bob Woody
5	Paul Hahn
7	Patty Welch
8	Linda McLain
10	Margaret Billmyer Meredith Warren
11	Kaye Schneider
13	Carrie Hull
17	Jeff Buchanan
18	Paula Andre Kelly Burger
21	Hannah DeLozier Cameron Mayton
22	Mary Haltom Anna McDonald
24	Cynthia Huntzinger
27	April Welch
29	Cherrie Woodby Raven Rice
30	Lisa Dial Julie Crotzer

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## Worship Quote of the Month

*A few weeks ago someone commented to me how the Methodist Hymnal has directions on how to sing, so I thought I would make that the focus of this month's article. It is written by John Wesley. In the preface to a collection of hymns, John wrote the following instructions:*

### **DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING** (Pay special attention to #7)

1. *Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.*
2. *Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it so as you can.*
3. *Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing.*
4. *Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, no more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.*
5. *Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.*
6. *Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This dawdling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.*
7. *Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when He cometh in the clouds of heaven.*

-- John Wesley, *SELECTED HYMNS*, 1761, as found in *THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL*, United Methodist Publishing House, 1989.

~ Bro. Nick, Minister of Music



# 2015

Sun.

Tue

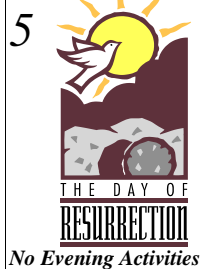
Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

## APRIL



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6  
6 pm Ladies' Bible Study

7  
10 am Ladies' Bible Study

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

9  
9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Financial Peace University

10  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*Church Office Closed*

11  
8 am Men's Breakfast

12  
2-4 pm Howland Baby Shower  
5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Mtg.  
6:00 pm Lord's Supper

13  
6 pm Ladies' Bible Study

14  
10 am Ladies' Bible Study

15  
6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.

16  
9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Financial Peace University

17  
6:30 pm Family Connection

18  
8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast  
**2 pm Roger Robertson Memorial Service**

19  
10 am Parent/Child Dedication  
5:30 pm AWANA -

20  
6 pm Ladies' Bible Study

21  
10 am Ladies' Bible Study  
May Newsletter Articles due in office

22  
  
**Earth Day: GO GREEN**  
6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.

23  
9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Financial Peace University

24

25  
8am-6pm Youth House in use

26  
5:30 pm AWANA - Grand Prix Race

27  
6 pm Ladies' Bible Study

28  
10 am Ladies' Bible Study

29  
6:30 pm Missions Night - led by Youth

30  
6:30 pm Financial Peace University



### Schedule of Services:

#### Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am  
Sunday School - 8:45 am  
Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 pm  
Discipleship Training - 5:00 pm  
AWANA - 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
Worship & Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm

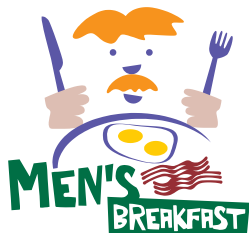
#### Wednesday

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





# The Church in Action



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, April 11**  
**8:00 am**

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

**Ladies' Breakfast**  
**Saturday, April 18,**  
**8:30 am**  
**In the Fellowship Hall—**  
**bring a breakfast dish**  
**to share**



*Ladies' Breakfast*



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, April 8**  
**10:15 a.m.**  
**Everyone is welcome**  
**(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)**

**You're Invited to a Baby Shower for**  
**Amy Howland & baby boy**  
**Sunday, April 12, 2-4 pm**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**  
**Hosted by the Youth Girls**



**They are registered at Target**



**Celebration of the Life of**  
**Roger W. Robertson**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2015**  
**2:00 pm**

There will be a luncheon reception in the fellowship hall following the service. All are invited to attend. Please RSVP your number of attendees no later than April 4, 2015 via email to [rwfrobertson@charter.net](mailto:rwfrobertson@charter.net). Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Spring Hill Building Fund.

**Future Growth Funding**  
 \$148,000.24 in a Construction Acct.  
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
 \$373,2647.05 in a Building Fund  
 at the Tennessee Baptist  
 Foundation.



**Family**

**Connection**

Family Connection is Friday, April 17th at 6:30pm. We're back in the fellowship hall this month just hanging out! With warmer weather here, it seems appropriate-perhaps even necessary- to have an ice cream sundae bar. Bring a finger food to share and your favorite sundae topping. Drinks, ice cream and paper goods provided. Board or card games are always welcome!! Family Connection at FBC is a group of young(ish) families who come together monthly for fellowship and fun. We purpose to love, support and pray for each other. Come join us!!



**Lifeline Memory Verses 2015**  
**April Verses**

March 30-April 5: Galatians 2:20, *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.*

April 6-12: Acts 1:8, *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

April 13-19: Psalm 119:105, *Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

April 20-26: James 5:16, *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*

April 27-May 3: Micah 6:8, *And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS**  
**COMING!!!**

**June 1-5, 2015 8:45 am-12:00 pm**



The theme this year is "Fun Run". Come run the happiest, most fun-filled VBS which begins at 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Follow the race route through Bible Studies, Worship & Drama, Craftivities, Games, and more; all to encourage our kids to run and finish the most important race of all...the pathway to salvation in Christ. **Workers are needed!** Individual age group teachers will not be responsible for the Bible story each day; the Bible story will be taught at a Station just like craftivities, recreation, etc. Please see Patty Welch (615.308.9114) to volunteer for this week of special blessings!



**Sunday, April 19, 2015 10:00 am**