

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

December 2015

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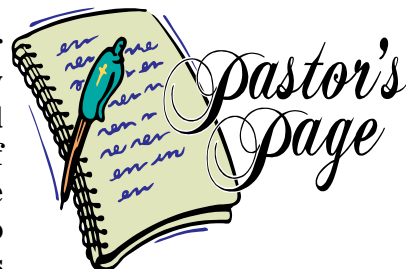
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Can you believe that it is December already? It seems that the year 2015 has gone by too fast. Once again we see all the lights and decorations beginning to be put up. And of course the many lights that shine during this time of year remind us of that star that shown so brightly those many years ago when Jesus was born. The light of that star where Jesus was. Today, the light of Christ in our lives should be shining forth to bring people to Jesus.



During this time of year many people get all excited. They get excited over the gifts, the food, and the fellowship. However, as Christians the source of our excitement should be Jesus. That's what Christmas is all about - Jesus. We should be excited that God loved us enough to allow His Son to come to this earth. We should be excited the Jesus was willing to come and not just be born in a manger, but go to the cross to die for our sins. The greatest gift in all the world is the gift that Jesus has provided for us through His death, burial and resurrection - the gift of salvation. If you want to give something to someone that has eternal meaning, give them your testimony as a Christian. Give them Jesus!

As I think of Christmas I am reminded of a little boy who was selected to play an angel in a Christmas pageant. At a given time he was supposed to say, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy." On the night of the performance he jumped onto the stage to say his line, but the words just wouldn't come. Finally, after a moment of silence, he proclaimed the gist of the message in his own words, "Boy, do I have good news to tell you!" That is the message of Christmas. It is good news for you and me, the good news that God has come to the earth and is involved in our lives. I encourage you to celebrate the real reason for the season, Jesus Christ!

From my family to yours: Merry Christmas with Love and may the Lord bless you in the new year!

*Bro J*

## Church Library News

### December - Merry Christmas!

#### A GIFT FROM GOD

2 Corinthians 9:15 *Thanks be unto God for His indescribable gift.*

God gave us His Son. He is ours; we can begin every day with the thought "I have Jesus to do all for me." In our weakness, danger, or need, we have Jesus; for God has given Him to us.

What was Jesus like?

He was the kindest, gentlest, most patient, most sympathetic man who ever lived. He loved people. He hated to see people in trouble. He loved to forgive and He loved to help. He did miracles to feed hungry people. The weary, pain-ridden and heartsick came to Him and found relief and healing.

Let us thank God for His priceless gift.

The best books we could recommend for the birth of Jesus are the **Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John.**

Praying all people in our church have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Robertson, Marjorie Wells,  
& Joan Frank



## December Birthdays

2	Grant Terrillion
3	Jeff Oakes
	Cutler Capley
6	Emmanuel Ihim
	Ashleigh Duncan
8	Doug Williams
	Phillip Pullen
9	Archie Emery
11	Sharon Burkhalter
	John Andre
19	Brock Roland
20	Vivienne Okma
21	Prentice Moore
	Katie Welch
22	Ruth Fultz
	Kendall Wright
26	Ann Johnson
27	Tyler Wright
	Tom Holloway
28	Finley Johnson
31	Deric Keltner
	Gene Duncan
	Vickie Anderson
	Valinda Albert

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## Special Emphasis

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**BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS**

... AND BECAUSE YOU GIVE, IMB HELPS CHURCHES SEND MISSIONARIES TO THE BILLIONS WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.




**2015 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING\***  
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS • NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 6

**PRAY » GIVE » GO » SEND** **Our Church Goal: \$3,500.00**

NATIONAL GOAL: \$175 MILLION



# 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	4 6:30 pm Family Connection Christmas Party	5 
6  5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Meeting Deacons' Meeting	7	8 	9 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6:30pm Business Mtg.	10 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	11 7 pm Masterworks Sunday School Class Christmas Party @ Groves' home	12 11 am WOW Sunday School Class Christmas Party @ Fulins
13  5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Meeting	14 January Newsletter Items due	15	16 6:30pm Prayer Mtg	17 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	18	19 
20  10 am Adult Choir Christmas Musical 5:30 pm AWANA - Happy Birthday, Jesus Party	21 	22	23 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	24  CHRISTMAS EVE Church Office Closed	25  CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27 No AWANA	28	29	30 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	31 		

### 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

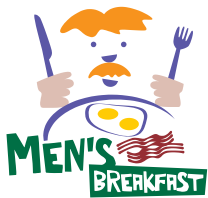
#### Wednesday

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





# The Church in Action



**There will be NO Men's or Ladies' Breakfasts in December...**  
**Enjoy this wonderful time of the year with your family!**



**Ladies' Breakfast**



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, December 9,**  
**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!!



## **Lifeline Memory Verses 2015** **December Verses**

November 30-December 6: 1 Corinthians 10:31 *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

December 7-13: Psalm 46:10, *Be still, and know that I am God' I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*

December 14-20: 2 Peter 3:9, *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

December 21-27: Isaiah 9:6, *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

December 28-January 3: Matthew 28:19-20, *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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*



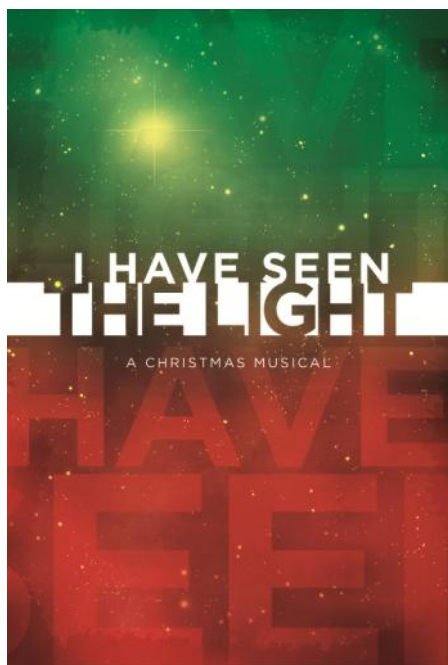
**Friday, December 11, 7:00 pm**  
**Masterworks Class Party** at the home of Keith and Echan Groves.

**Saturday, December 12, 11 am**  
**WOW Sunday School Class Party** at Fulins Restaurant, The Crossings



**Thank you** for taking **ALL** the Angels off the tree in the lobby.

**Remember:** All gifts must be returned to the church by December 12.



*Presented by the*  
*Adult Choir &*  
*Musicians of First*  
*Baptist Church of*  
*Spring Hill*

*Sunday,*  
*December 20*

*In the morning*  
*worship service*

*Invite friends and*  
*family to see this*  
*wonderful*  
*presentation of the*  
*birth of Christ!*

**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.

