



# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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*It seems February is the month dedicated to love. You can already see in the stores the heart candies and cards for that special someone.*

*Well, the greatest love ever exhibited was God's. There are many verses in the Bible that speak of His great love for us. One of the greatest verses in the Bible in John 3:16. It talks about the great love with which God loved us. God's love is so great that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to provide a way of salvation for us. I want to dissect that verse and look at the love of God.*

*"For God" reveals the eternal existence of God's love. Before time as we know even existed, God was there. Even before the world was formed God in His omniscience loved us.*

*"So loved" reveals the depth of God's love. The depth of His love is that He will reach down into the deepest pit of sin to that person that is nearest Hell and pull out that person who calls on Him in repentance.*

*"The world" reveals the proof of God's love. Who is it that God loves? He loves everyone!*

*"That He gave" reveals the proof of God's love. God gave to us Jesus so that we could be saved. If anyone ever doubts God's love just point them to Calvary, for there is the proof of God's love.*

*"His only begotten Son" reveals the measure of God's love. God sent His best for us. He didn't send an angel, or just a mere man, but He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.*

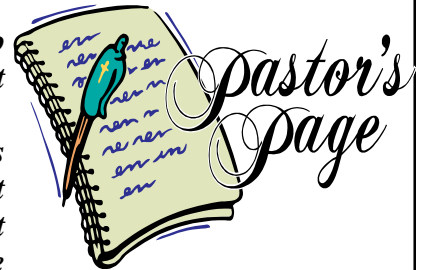
*"That whoever" reveals the limitation of God's love. Did you know that God's love is limited? Even though He loves the whole world His love is only effective in the lives of those who call upon His name.*

*"Believes in Him" reveals the qualification for receiving the gift of God's love. One must believe in Him.*

*"Should not perish" reveals the reason for God's love. God knew that without His loving provision we all would be bound for Hell. So, He provided a way for us to not only not perish but to have life eternal.*

*"But have everlasting life" reveals the duration of God's love. His gift to us is everlasting life so we can enjoy His love throughout eternity?*

*Hallelujah, what a Savior!!!!*



*Bro J*

## Church Library News

### February - Happy Valentine's Day!

God didn't make us to live alone in a cave. He made us to live in friendship and fellowship with others. That's why our church is so important; so we can come together in love and encouragement. We are meant to help each other get past bad news, sickness, loneliness, and fear. Otherwise, we focus on ourselves - thinking how difficult we have it and how unfair others are.

When we pray God's doesn't necessarily take away our troubles, but He is with us through them and so is the body of Christ (our church).

### Here are a few books from our Library:

**Hear Me When I Call** by Charles Swindoll. These remarkable prayers explore topics such as gratitude, injustice, grief, and more. The author includes Bible verses and ideas for further Scripture reading as your heart grows nearer to God. He prays this book will encourage you to make your entire life a prayer to God.

**What Matters Most** by Tony Evans. What does it mean to be like Christ? It can only happen lived out among other believers. This process is called discipleship; it consists of four essential elements: Worship, Fellowship, Education, & Outreach. Each of these elements from Acts 2:42 is an important part of the maturing process for the church whose members are following Christ.

**When God Whispers Your Name** by Max Lucado. God knows your name. In fact, your name is written on the hand of God (Isaiah 49:16). Quite a thought, isn't it? Your name on God's hand. Your name on God's lips. Perhaps you can't remember when you heard it spoken with kindness. If so, it may be more difficult for you to believe that God knows your name, but He does. Listen as you turn the pages. You can hear the Father...whispering your name...erasing your doubts, your sorrow, your despair. You can hope again.

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

## February Birthdays

1	Austin Johnson
3	Alivia Easton
	Tommy Welch
4	Mary Robertson
6	Melba Mainord
8	Gena Barbre
10	Jim Haltom
	Misty Robinson
	Noah Albert
12	Louise Byrd
13	Daven LaRose
14	Gary Huntzinger
18	Sylvia LeMay
19	John Gentry
	Andrew Vaughn
23	Ben Barbre
	Braden Fischer
27	Lavana Stoll
28	Melanie Brandon
29	Mary Buchanan
	Debe Hahn



*Happy Birthday  
to You!*

## From the Church Office

### Welcome February!!! Happy Goodbye to January!

Some of you may think the cold and snow of January got to me - not so. I happen to enjoy the winter. No, end of year bookkeeping, and setting up new files, etc., etc. All those things that come with beginning a new year are sometimes a bit overwhelming. Thank you to **Jim Fultz**, for his help in distributing financial statements. I had to mail less than 30, so that saved the church significant postage costs.

I know you are sick and tired of me asking for photos, but if I am still asking, obviously, there is a significant number of folks who haven't sent a photo to me! Please, forget about how you feel about a photo of yourself, and think about those who want to get to know you! We are a growing congregation, so **please send your photos to me or call to arrange a time to get your picture taken.**

Have you noticed all the exciting happenings to our facilities? New paint now with new lights, flooring, chairs, elevator / lift coming in the next few weeks. Please be patient with some inconveniences that renovations bring. We expect the Lift crew to be working the 1st week of





February replacing the current lift, which means we may have some times that a lift is not available while the work is completed. Thank you for your understanding.

**New copy machine is coming...** The contract on our current machine is up and we have been working on the next steps. RJ Young, our supplier, will be bringing a new machine in the coming weeks. It will have all the same functions as the current machine, but it will be new and not the same model. Be watching your email and bulletin announcements for training opportunities with the new equipment.

If you have an announcement for an event/activity, prayer request, or just need information, please contact me. I am happy to help you promote your event and I would rather hear about it from you than see it on "facebook"! Call the office and leave a message if it is after hours, email me at [fbcshn@bellsouth.net](mailto:fbcshn@bellsouth.net), or message me on facebook. I'm really pretty easy to reach, and I'm here to serve.

Blessings...

*Paula*, Ministry Assistant

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		10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	6:30 pm ESL Program & Prayer Mtg.	7pm Cover 2 Cover Bible Study		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Deacons' Mtg.  5:30 pm AWANA - Reg. Meeting		10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6:30pm Business Mtg	9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  7pm Cover 2 Cover Bible Study		8 am Men's Breakfast  10 am FAITH Riders TN Directors' Mtg. (Church Facilities in use)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
 5:30 pm AWANA Reg. Meeting	 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	10 am Ladies' Prayer Group  March Newsletter Items due	6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  7pm Cover 2 Cover Bible Study	5:30-8:30 pm <b>ESL</b> Training Session	8 am-4:30 pm <b>ESL</b> Training
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## The Church in Action



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

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday, February 13**  
**8:00 am**



There will be a presentation on **English as a Second Language on Wednesday, February 3**, during Prayer Meeting. Elaine Person, along with a representative from the Tennessee Baptist Convention will provide information for FBCSH ministry opportunities.

There will be an **ESL Training Workshop on Friday, February 19, 5:30-8:30 pm, & Saturday, February 20, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm** in the fellowship hall. There is a cost for materials and instruction. Lunch will be provided. The class is limited to 18 participants. Sign up sheets will be available in the lobby. For further information or questions, please contact Pat Springer.



## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

**Cover 2 Cover**

Each Thursday evening, 7:00-8:00 pm

Join Brent Johnson as he leads this group in discussion and reading through the Bible this year. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Brent for more information.



**Future Growth Funding**  
\$114,832.04 in a Construction Acct.  
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
\$389,222.45 in a Building Fund  
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



**To Benefit the Pregnancy Centers of Middle Tennessee**  
**February 1-28, 2016**

Bottles are available in a basket in the lobby. Please fill them with a check, currency or coins, and return them to the church by Sunday, February 28th. On the insert inside the bottle, you may list the name and address of a mother (or person) you wish to honor. The Center will send a card to her showing that you have made a gift for life in her honor. The Baby Bottle Campaign is used to fund the center's programs that help families in crisis. Services are free and confidential. Some of the services include: pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound, post abortion help, parenting classes and healthy relationships education in schools and churches.



**Ladies' Prayer Group**  
**Each Tuesday, 10:00 am**  
**In the**  
**Senior Ladies' Sunday School**  
**Classroom**

This is one of many activities sponsored by our Women's Ministry. Join with a group of ladies for a time of prayer each week.

Coming in March..."Children of the Day" a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians by Beth Moore. The 9-week study will be led by Linda Bland. Please contact Linda for information about study guides and materials. Watch the bulletin and your emails for more info regarding dates and times.