



# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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God calls us to a robust faith; a faith that is dynamic and full of life. It is all too easy to neglect our walk with Jesus and lose the fire of our faith for any number of reasons – busyness, hurt or disappointment, neglect, incorrect theology, or spiritual warfare. Over the past couple of months, we have been looking at the seven churches of Asia Minor in Revelation on Sunday evenings. Ephesus had abandoned their first love and Jesus told them to repent and return to what they had lost. Sardis had the reputation of being alive but was dead. They had so compromised as a church that they looked just like the surrounding culture. Jesus tells them to wake up and repent and strengthen what remained in them. Laodicea was lukewarm, not good for anything. God was so disgusted with them that He was about to spit them out of His mouth. That's the bad news. The good news is that Jesus had not left them or us without a way back. He loves us and has freed us from our sin by his blood. He demonstrated His love for us at the cross. Look no further than the cross to know that Christ loves you; meditate on any passage that talks about the work of the cross on our behalf and you will experience the love of God. Do not look to people, things, or even some experience. The cross is the ultimate evidence that He loves us. How freeing is that! Not only that but He has also freed us from our sin – spiritual apathy and lukewarm-ness. An apathetic and lukewarm faith is not acceptable to Jesus; He tells us to repent!

Are you spiritually apathetic, lukewarm or are you growing? Are you growing in your knowledge of the Word and in your knowledge of God? Are you cultivating your prayer life? Jesus told John to write what He revealed to him and send it to the churches as a means of grace and peace, and strength to weather the storms of life. The Word is our primary source of strength in life; it is the primary way God speaks to us. The Word has the power to make dead people alive, kill sin, refresh, renew and revive lukewarm and apathetic hearts. I pray that your faith is a growing and glowing faith! If not, repent and turn to Jesus for renewal!

Don't forget our Fall Festival on October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is going to be absolutely fantastic. Please sign up to help if you have not already done so. Thanks to Tammy Lovely for coordinating everything. Looking forward to seeing you there!

*Bro J*

2019 **Global  
Hunger  
Sunday**

*Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, is Global Hunger Day. We will receive a special offering at the end of the morning worship service designated specifically for hunger relief through Baptist Global Response. Pray now as to how God would have you respond to this need.*



## Library News

### OCTOBER – FALL FESTIVAL

Do you struggle with what to teach your children about Halloween? You're not alone. The costumes, the candy, and even TV make this holiday seem friendly.

Fortunately our church is having a Fall Festival for our church and community. It's offering our community a Christ Centered opportunity to allow children to celebrate their creativity without fearing for their safety.

This festival will be a good example of the church stepping up and taking something that the enemy meant for evil and turning it into good. Holding on to our faith gives us a means to be in the world, not of it.

Psalm 112:7: *He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*

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

The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancy. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, the author presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers; a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to transform your life and stretch your faith.

Just Like Jesus by Max Lucado. The author helps you understand God's wonderful ways of transformation. Remember God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be just like Jesus. And why does this change seem so slow? He will change you to be just like Jesus.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

**CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY!!  
THERE ARE BOOKS FOR ALL AGES!**

## October Birthdays

4	Tricean Robertson
6	Alisha Terrillion
9	Roxanna Boyle
	Tabatha Thompson
	Stacy Harp
10	Gwana Weaver
12	Steve Smith
13	Jerry Thompson
	Denise Maurice
14	Kenneth Bishop
15	Marilyn Legg
	Daniel Gilley
16	Timothy Gilley
	Tim Love
17	Colton Wright
	Sandra Hudspeth
18	Phillip Seiber
20	Missi Gallimore
22	Gail Zill
23	Christine McKee
	Jase Brandon
24	Gene Legg
	Joan Frank
26	Catherine McArtor
	Chase Bland
29	Sara Waddey
	Sonny Jones
	Beverly Williams
	Judson Hester
30	Jackson Whitworth
31	Pam Wilkins

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*

## From the Church Office

**Out of the Office!** I will be out of the office October 15-21 on vacation (the office is closed on October 14<sup>th</sup> – Federal Columbus Day holiday). If you have any announcements for the bulletins on the 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, please turn them in to the office by Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have a prayer request need, both Bro. J and Josh are able to send those email requests out in my absence, so please let them know. And as in other times when I am out, please be patient if the phone is not answered right away – leave a voice message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for allowing me to take this time away.

**October is Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Month.** FBCSH is richly blessed with two of the best ministers I know – I am thankful that I not only have godly "bosses", but they also minister to me daily. *Thank you, Bro. J and Josh, for your support and care given to me as we work together at FBCSH.* The Deacons will be letting you know how you can express your appreciation to our pastors during the month.

*Paula*, Ministry Assistant

## Women's Ministry

**THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS:**  
**THE BEST PART OF WAKING UP IS**  
**JESUS IN YOUR LIFE!**

**JOIN US FOR**  
**A RELAXED**  
**BRUNCH**  
**WITH**  
**ENOUGH**  
**COFFEE**  
**TO WAKE UP**  
**THE WHOLE**  
**CHURCH!**

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 26, 2019**  
**9:30AM - 11AM**  
**IN THE**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL.**  
**THERE WILL BE**  
**SPECIAL MUSIC,**  
**A SKIT,**  
**ENCOURAGEMENT**  
**FROM THE WORD,**  
**AND DOOR PRIZES**

Come and be blessed with music and messages of "Wakin' Up with Jesus!"  
All you need to bring is yourself, a friend (if you wish), and a small item that is appropriate to put in our shoeboxes for  
Operation Christmas Child. Pre-registration is on the table in the lobby. Hope to see you there!

**Reservations Flyers are available at the Welcome Desk.**



# Our Church in Action



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, October 9,**  
**10:15 am**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**  
 (The Crossings, Spring Hill)

## KidCentral News...



### Schedule

**Oct. 6: Julie Crotzer & Shavonna Easterling**  
**Oct. 13: Tom & Linda Hagerty**  
**Oct. 20: Zach Albert & Holly Durham**  
**Oct. 27: Aaron & Amy Easton**

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

**October 6: Mary Robertson & Joan Frank**  
**October 13: David & Collin Lovely**  
**October 20: Tom Moore & Linda Bland**  
**October 27: David & Sharon Burkhalter**



Childcare Available

### Nursery Desk Schedule

**Oct. 6: Marvin Bailey**  
**Oct. 13: Brent Johnson**  
**Oct. 20: Barry Huntzinger**  
**Oct. 27: Bruce Hull**

Thank you for your wonderful response to the food needs for The Well. 129 lbs. of food was delivered this past month!



**Current High Needs Grocery List:** Canned vegetables & fruit, tomato sauce, Boxed goods (brown or white rice, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, Ramen Noodles), dried beans (all varieties), pasta sauce, applesauce, ketchup, mayo, mustard, syrup, PEANUT BUTTER (most needed item!)

(Boxes are located in Sr. Ladies Classroom/Library)

**Let's keep filling the boxes to overflowing!!**

### AWANA Schedule

**October 6: Animal Night**  
**October 13: Regular Night**  
**October 20: Regular Night**  
**October 27: Costume Night**



We are preparing all year to fill shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child 2019**. Each month will have specific items needed and everyone can participate! The month of **October**, we are asking for **Games** – such as Etch-a-sketch, puzzles, marbles, dominos, mazes, etc. Just a few more weeks before we begin packing the shoeboxes! **Packing Party** is **Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 pm**. Collection container is in the Sr. Ladies SS Classroom. Thank you!

### **Background Checks**



Everyone who works with children age birth through 18 years old must have a completed background check. Please contact the church office so that you may be sent the link to complete the check online. Thank you.

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Thank you for your wonderful response. We can still use some volunteers, and of course, CANDY!! Bring your individually wrapped candy and place it in the basket in the lobby. To volunteer, contact Tammy Lovely (tmlovely10@gmail.com).



**Future Growth Funding**  
 \$18,012.50.62.50 in a Construction Acct.  
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
 \$337,025.04 in a Building Fund  
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



**Golden Offering for TN State Missions**  
**Goal: \$2,000**  
**Received to Date: \$1,885**

*We are just \$115 short of our goal...There's still time to give!*