



First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

The Messenger

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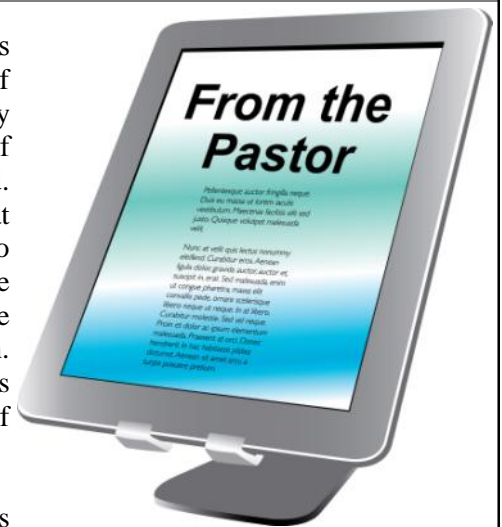
There is probably no area of a church's life that is as greatly misunderstood as the area of its finances. On the other hand, there is probably no area of a church's life that can be the source of any greater blessing than how we give to God. When we study the Word of God we discover that the Lord expects 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 us as individuals is how we respond to the matter of what we do with our money.

I have discovered that when a church starts hurting financially, it is not simply a problem of people not giving. The root of the problem goes much deeper. The main source of the financial problem is spiritual. See, if we are in tune with God then we will be obedient in our giving. So, as I see the shortfalls in our budget, I am greatly concerned, but not so much concerned at making ends meet as I am about the spiritual condition of our church.

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, Paul tells about the wonderful example of giving by the churches of Macedonia in a collection taken for the poor saints in Jerusalem. The offering that these churches gave was so sacrificial and noteworthy that Paul uses them as an example of genuine New Testament giving. The people of Macedonia were going through great trials and they themselves were experiencing great poverty. Yet, when the offering was given, the amount was unbelievable. Paul was amazed and astounded when he saw the faith and generosity of these poverty stricken Macedonian believers.

The key to the Macedonian believers' giving is found in 2 Corinthians 8:5 where Paul says, "they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God." The reason they gave abundantly is because they first gave themselves to the Lord. The great need of our church is for the members of our church to put Jesus first in our lives. What is first in your life?

I am not trying to coerce and shame anyone into giving. I want us to put Jesus first in our lives. When we do that, the matter of giving will take care of itself.



Church Library News

October Birthdays

October - God's Grace.

Webster's Dictionary defines "grace" as the unmerited love and favor of God toward mankind; divine influence acting in a person to make the person pure, morally strong; help given to a person by God. We were very please that this wonderful definition was in a dictionary. We also know Grace is undeserved, unearned, and cannot be repaid. Grace is God giving Himself to someone who doesn't deserve it and can never repay it. We are thankful we are God's people and He has given us His grace.

Here are a few books about God's amazing grace from our Library...

Captured By Grace by Dr. David Jeremiah. The author powerfully illustrates that one experience of God-filled grace can transform anyone's scandalous, broken past into a life of purpose and peace. Encountering God's grace changes lives forever. Let the author show you how the transforming mercy that captured songwriter John Newton and the apostle Paul can awaken within you a fresh experience of the God who loves you fearlessly and pursues you with abandon.

Amazed by Grace by Lucinda McDowell. This book is for people who have tried to live the "Christian Life" or "earn" their way into heaven, only to conclude, "it's not working." This book reveals how grace permeates every area of our lives, bringing true freedom and a new understanding of God's unconditional love! Learning to recognize and gratefully accept God's amazing gift of grace makes all the difference.

Grace by Max Lucado. God's grace has a drenching about it; a wildness about it; a whitewater, riptide, turn-you-upside-downness about it. Grace comes after you. It rewrites you. From insecure to God secure; from regret-riddled to better-because-of-it; from afraid to -die to ready-to-fly. Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

3	Clara Hall
4	Tricean Robertson Anna Johnson Ashley Johnson
6	Alisha Terrillion
9	Tabatha Thompson Ryan Huntzinger
10	Gwana Weaver
12	Steve Smith Maddox Robbins
13	Jerry Thompson Denise Maurice
14	Heidi Johnson
15	Marilyn Legg Scotty Dial Daniel Gilley
16	Tim Love
17	Colton Wright Sandra Hudspeth
18	Debbie Watkins Isabella Dockery
19	Stacey Anderson
20	Bryan Rawlings
22	Gail Zill Jeremy Johnson
23	Christine McKee
24	Gene Legg Charles Johnson
25	Joan Frank
26	Catherine McArtor Chase Bland
29	Sara Waddey
30	Christian Huntzinger
31	Pam Wilkins



Worship Quote of the Month

“As Creative Pastors and Leaders, we are given an amazing opportunity to empower our choir. When we understand that their role is unique and equally as important as any other role on the platform, we avoid an unhealthy hierarchical culture full of potential striving and hidden agendas. Instead we create a healthy culture of equal value and love where everyone understands why they are part of the team. Then we can go about pointing people to Jesus as a unified and undistracted team. As choir members, we need to understand that what we individually bring to the team matters. Really matters. We are not less important than the worship leader. Our faith, our preparation, our love, our passion, our gift all makes the team stronger and helps change lives.” (<http://hillsong.com/blogs/collected/2013/april/the-purpose-amp-power-of-choir#.VBSEtcJdXVo>)

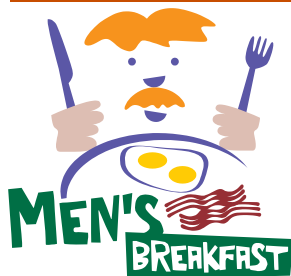
This quote is from the blog of the famous “Hillsong” group concerning the importance of church choir in the midst of many churches (including many in this area) abandoning church choirs. It is my prayer that we, at First Baptist of Spring Hill, will always have a choir as long as we have people willing to sing in it. I want to say a quick “Thank You” to every current choir member. You are all very important to me and to this church. If you are not yet a part of the choir, I would like to invite you to sing with us. We practice every Sunday at 4:00 pm .

Bro. Nick, Minister of Music

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The Church in Action



**Saturday, October 11
8:00 am**

Please contact Benji Robinson
for more information.

**Saturday, October 18
8:30 am in the
Fellowship Hall**



All ladies invited! Bring a
breakfast dish to share. *Ladies' Breakfast*

**Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, October 8
10:15 a.m.**

**Everyone is welcome
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)**



**Friday, October 31
6:00-8:00 pm**

It's time for our annual Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat. Go to www.fbspringhill.com and register online if you are planning to decorate your car/trunk. There will be judging and awards given out to those participating. Your car needs to be in place and decorated by 5:30 pm.

Individually wrapped candy AND more Volunteers are needed to help with games and the cake walk. Sign up sheets and boxes for candy are available in the church lobby.

For more information, questions, or to Volunteer, please contact Brandy Robinson (931.626.3504 or email: brobinson2852@charter.net) or Alisha Terrillion (615.456.7975 or email: alishaterillion@aol.com).

Future Growth Funding

\$144,641.37 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$364,289.58 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist
Foundation.



Family

Connection

Family Connection at FBCSH 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!!

- Saturday, October 4th at 5:00 pm. Field trip to the Ring Farm. Loads of fun for all ages—corn maze, slides, preschool play area and more! We have the fire pit reserved at 6:30 for a cookout. Cost is \$9 per person (2 & under free) plus we'll divide up the fire pit food cost once we get a headcount.

Important Updates to the Web Site & More!

Thank you to Allen & Heather Hall for the updates to our [web site](#). We now have an interactive resource for our church family and community so we can keep everyone informed of the latest happenings.

Our world is quickly changing and communication is "device driven". Many of us have "smart phones", tablets, and other digital devices. With that in mind, our church directory is now available to church members from our web site. There is a link on our Home page under **CONNECT** called "[Member to Member](#)". A **user id** and **password** must be created to log in to a secure site. Information will not be out there for just anyone to access. You have the option to look up an individual or family and even print a copy from home. And, if information is incorrect, corrections may be submitted. You now have access to your own contribution records, register for events, create your own personal calendar and much more! On the log in page to the secure site, you will see **Need a log in?** [Click here](#). Follow the steps to set up your account. You will receive an email letting you know you are ready to go.



There's an APP for that! Yes, there is a **FREE** app available for your smart phone/mobile device called **ACS Church Life**. This will allow access to the church directory via your mobile device. Our church staff is already using the app. Once you have created your log on account in **Member to Member**, you can use this app.

There are two types of log in; one of those will ask for our **Site Number** which is **100346**. You may also log in using only your email address and password.

There are more upgrades to come: adding photos to the directory, new event registrations, and more. Eventually, these upgrades can even allow the possibility of online giving. If you have questions or need help with your log on, please call the church office.

****Special Note:** Only those who are **Active Members** and **Attendees** of First Baptist Church of Spring Hill will be allowed access to the **Member to Member** section of the web site. Anyone can register for events through guest registration.