

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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As you know, we are in the process of finding workers in the various committees and classes. I want to share with you an article that I ran across from one of our former deacons, John Stebelton. He wrote this a few years ago. I asked permission to share this.

*There is work to be done in churches today, but getting someone to volunteer is like picking the spots off a leopard. From the pulpit, pastors ask, and ask for God's people to step forward and fill positions in the church. What do they hear?*

*"I have no talent." "I served my time when I was younger and now I'm taking it easy." "I don't have time to prepare." "Well, Brother Pastor, I just don't feel God's calling."*

*We, as believers in Jesus Christ, should have a burning desire in our hearts to serve in our church whenever, wherever, and however we can. God will never ask us to do anything that He will not equip us to do. Where in God's Word does it say that when we get older, we're to stop serving Him? Christ suffered a horrible death so our sins would be forgiven and that we would have eternal life. Through His death, we become a child of God. And we say we've served our time, we're going to stop serving and take it easy. We can't find time to serve. That's the biggest bunch of donkey doo I've ever heard. (John's words, not mine.)*

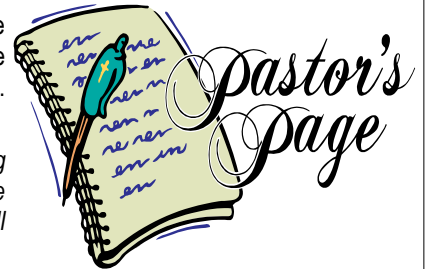
*We can find time to serve worldly activities. We wouldn't think of missing our favorite television program or sporting event. We spend hours on our computer, but can't find time to serve the Lord. We don't feel called? I only have one thing to say about that, "We're not listening." We are not in His Word as we should be, and our prayer life is weak.*

*When God called Moses, he too, had all kinds of excuses why he was not the person to serve Him. God took all those excuses from him. In Exodus 4:1-2 we read, "Then Moses answered and said, 'But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, The Lord has not appeared to you.' So the Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' He said, 'A rod.'" Lord, I can't speak to people, Lord, I have no power, Lord I can't, Lord I can't. But God told Moses, "Yes you can, I'll give you everything you need to serve me." (John's translation) God asked Moses "What is that in your hand?" "Just a Shepherd's rod, Lord." God gave power to the rod and Moses used it to perform miracle after miracle as he led God's people out of Egypt and to the Promised Land.*

*God will take the smallest of talents, and use them in mighty ways. The old saying is, "God doesn't want our ability, He wants our availability." We are never too young or too old to serve God. My friends, I've used some of those excuses myself, and God brought conviction upon me until I became obedient, and allowed Him to use me in His service. If you are not serving the Lord in your Sunday school and church, you're missing a great blessing. It's not up to the other person, it's up to you, to be obedient and say, "Lord, where do you want me to serve?" (End of John's article)*

I hope that you will respond with a "yes!" when the nominating committee asks you about a place of service. We need you to step up and take a place of service! We especially need workers in the Children's Sunday School and on Wednesday nights in Mission Friends and Children in Action!

*Bro J*



## Library News

## August Birthdays

### August – School Days

We all know that caring for our families takes time and patience, so with school starting this month we hope our moms will take some time for themselves. Families won't remember all you do for them, but when you put God squarely at the center of your home, God will remember and bless you and your family in ways that you can scarcely imagine.

So take a little time for yourselves and a little time to read a book. We recommend God's Book.

Psalm 90:12 *Teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

Here are a few books from our Library

Only Angels Can Wing It by Liz Curtis Higgs. The author addresses everything from fiscal responsibility to a happy comfortable home without burning out...and shows women we're doing better than we thought. We're not perfect. Still, we try and in so doing, brush the sky.

When God Whispers Your Name by Max Lucado. Here's the weary traveler struggling to make his plane, but fearing he'll never lug his luggage to the gate in time. Suddenly he reaches a "people mover." Now he can rest while some power beyond himself moves him. Wouldn't it be great to discover a people mover for your heart. There is one. This book will help you find it.

God is my CEO by Larry Julian. Often it seems like the conflict between harsh business realities and our desire to "do the right thing" pull us in opposite directions. This book will help us do the right thing and achieve bottom-line success.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

1	Shelia Chitwood
2	Addison Burns
	Anna Russell
6	Dale Ploen
7	Andy Burdett
	Britton Duncan
	Eva Terrillion
8	Sharon Brawner
	Chance Bland
9	Shirley Young
10	Robert McArtor
	Brent Johnson
	Amy Howland
13	Chase Pullen
14	Sharon Grace
15	Julie Hull
16	Misti Boshers
17	Nita Burdett
19	Lauren Bailey
20	Vern Burdett
	Tammy Lovely
21	Keith Groves
23	Billy Harrison
24	Amos Jarman
26	Todd Whitworth
27	Faye Stamps
	Tom Hagerty
	Fabienne Apollon
31	Vicki James



August  
BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*

## Thank You!

## From the Church Office

Dear Church Family:

*I am writing to say thank you for such a generous and unselfish outpouring of love, support, cards, calls, and memorials in the recent death of my father, Harvell Hester. We were overwhelmed that so many good friends came down to Lawrenceburg to the funeral and visitation. There are so many other things that folks might rather do on a Saturday morning than go to a funeral home, but it was such a blessing to see so many people supporting us by being there.*

*I have been a member of bigger churches like Bellvue in Memphis and Brentwood Baptist, as well as small to medium sized churches, but never have known such demonstrations of love and caring. We are so blessed to have a church family like this and we are grateful for you all.*

*Thank you for your love and prayers and kindness. We are humbled and truly thankful.*

*With love through Christ,*

Brooks & Mary Hester  
Judson, Rachel, & Carolyn Hester (my mom)

**Offering Envelopes** – New Offering Envelopes will be ordered for 2019. In the meantime, if you need more envelopes to finish out the year, please contact the church office. I will prepare more for you and leave them on the Welcome Desk. **Please Note:** If you are using "Old" blue envelopes, please black out the number on the envelope as your current number is different and you wouldn't want your contribution to be posted to someone else. I try to double check name and number and don't to err in the posting. Thank You!

**Lost & Found** – Please check the tables in the lobby for any items that you may have lost. Items left longer than three weeks will be donated or disposed of. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Please remember to let the church office know of any activities you have for your class/organization. We have many avenues available to promote your event if we are made aware of it before it shows up on Facebook. Thank you!

Paula Zimmer, Ministry Assistant

**Worship – 6:00 pm**

**Business Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) – 6:30 pm**

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## Our Church in Action



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, August 8,**  
**10:15 am**

**Everyone is Welcome!**  
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

## KidCentral News...

**COOL KIDS 3.0!!!!**

Our expedition continues in the fellowship hall at 6:00 pm on  
Sunday nights



All explorers ages 3 (and potty trained) to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are  
invited to dig into

**GOD'S AMAZING CREATION**

(a study of Genesis 1 and 2)

August 5 – Day 5

August 12 – Days 6 & 7

Questions? Email [fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com) or call  
Julie (629-201-1532) or Amy (901-486-6608)

**English as a Second Language will not  
meet during the summer. Classes will  
begin again on Wednesday, September  
12, with a Welcome Party.**

More trained leaders are needed for this  
ministry. A training session will be offered  
on August 17-18 at The Church at Station  
Hill in Spring Hill. Cost for the training is  
\$10. **Help Needed:** We are in need of someone to prepare snacks  
each week. Please contact Pat Springer ([patspr2@juno.com](mailto:patspr2@juno.com)) for more  
information.

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**Classes**



**Moms Shower Benefitting the Pregnancy Centers of Middle TN**  
**Saturday, August 11, 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Kathy Cook, Executive Director of the Pregnancy Centers of Middle TN  
will be the guest speaker. FBCSH hopes to raise awareness of the  
need for moms to participate in continuous parent education (a two  
year curriculum). As an incentive for women to continue growing in  
parenting skills and financial management, we are asking for \$10 gas  
or gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kroger, Dollar Tree/Dollar General,  
or other local merchants. Our goal is \$500. Refreshments will be  
served. RSVP on the Sign-up Sheet at the Welcome Center or by  
email to Beverly Williams ([williamsbeverly323@gmail.com](mailto:williamsbeverly323@gmail.com)). Beverly  
will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please come  
and bring a friend!

### THANK YOU!!

Your generous offering on  
July 29<sup>th</sup> of \$2,075.00 will  
go far in providing  
Biblesticks to military  
families. And, because we



sent funds by July 31<sup>st</sup>, our funds were matched so that \$4,000  
will be used to provide Biblesticks to military chaplains. Praise  
God from Whom ALL blessings flow!!



### Future Growth Funding

\$30,153.72 in a Construction Acct.  
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
\$339,501.89 in a Building Fund  
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



**August Children's Church  
Schedule**

**August 5: Allen & Heather Hall**

**August 12: Kimberly Pullen & Laura Sparkman**

**August 19: Sharon & Eddie Brawner**

**August 26: Peters Family**

### 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.

### Additional Workers Needed During Worship Times



Nursery Workers Needed

Amy Easton needs to hear from  
you!! There are at least three  
openings for volunteers in the  
Nursery during worship times on  
Sundays. Please see Amy – we  
must have at least 2 workers per room! Thank you!