

First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

The Messenger

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As I write this, I am astonished that it is about to be 2021. Time sure does fly. I know that the days we are living in are causing many to be concerned about their future. If there is anything certain in life it is that life is very uncertain; we do not know what the days of 2021 may bring. I am reminded of what Paul said in Philippians 4:6-7, *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*



I continue to pray for those who have been affected by the COVID-19. I am praying that they all get well! There are new vaccines now for COVID so hopefully that will help those who need it. Please pray that this disease will go away and we can get back to our normal way of living. Depending on what happens in our world, we are hopefully going to get back to one worship service in January. Of course, this will depend upon who is our president and what restrictions are still around after the new year begins.

As we enter this year let us not be anxious about what lies ahead, but let us be expectant of the wonderful things God is going to do through us and for us! After all, we are still His children and He cares for us. The Psalmist said in Psalm 37:25, *"I have been young and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread."*

Do you know how special you are to God? You are so special that He knows the number of hairs on your head. He knows everything about you. He loves you so much that He was willing to die for your sins so that He might have a relationship with you. Oh, the depths of God's love for us! I can hardly comprehend the love that God has for us. I feel like John who, when contemplating God's love for us exclaimed, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God!" Knowing that God loves us this much, I know that He will provide for all our needs.

As we begin this new year, let us be thankful that we are the children of God. Let us have confidence that God will supply our needs. We need to praise Him for another year to serve Him. Let us also be striving to bring more into the family!

Happy New Year!

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From the Library...

Happy Birthday to You!

January—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Do not dwell on the past. God is doing a new thing. As you begin a new year, rejoice that God is continually working newness into your life. Don't let recent disappointments and failures define you or dampen your expectations. This is the time to make a fresh start! Expect God to do surprising things in this year that stretches out before you.

Today is a precious gift. God has carefully prepared it for you. He wants you to rejoice and be glad in it. Your thankfulness will keep you close to God and help you find joy in your journey.

Isaiah 43:18-19: *Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!*

Here are a few books from our library...

Drawing Closer by Glen Martin & Dian Ginter. God places a hunger for His love and close friendship in our hearts and encourages us to

call on Him for what we need. Many of us intellectually acknowledge that hunger, but it remains a distant longing we don't know how to satisfy. This book will intensify the desire of your heart to know God intimately, help you realize where you are in the process of getting closer to God, and show you how to move ahead by knowing God on six successive levels.



God Will Make a Way by Dr. Henry Cloud. Even when we are not in a crisis, there are times when it seems something is missing. There is an uncomfortable distance between where we are and where we want to be. When you find yourself in that place, you are in a window of opportunity where you can experience God like you never have before: where you can see His supernatural power at work more clearly than when things are going your way.

Simple Christianity by Dave Brown. The author takes the teaching of the Christian faith and makes them understandable and relevant. Mature Christians are encouraged to reflect to experience more of God's presence and power in their lives. New Christians will get a head start on experiencing the life that God hopes for them. Non-Christian readers will learn what Christians believe and perhaps find themselves drawn to the unconditional life-changing love of Jesus.

We pray for a Blessed New Year for our church.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

1 Rachel Hester

2 Jerry Price

4 Lily Crawford
Olivia Crawford

6 Clara Rinehart

9 Dan LaRose

12 Gail Thomason
Jay Marcum

14 Leanne Seiber

21 Ella Huntzinger

25 Cora Johnson

26 Jim Fultz



Thank you for your generous support of The Well. We continue to collect food for this local food pantry – bring items when you come to worship on Sunday or if you are not attending "in-person" worship

yet, feel free to drop by the office during office hours and we will come pick up the items from your car. We are also taking monetary donations – mark your offering "The Well". We delivered 110 lbs. of food & \$475.00 in cash donations to The Well during December.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

A Great *Multitude* + You
Rev. 7:9

Church Goal: \$3,000.00 Received to Date: \$2,661.00

January 2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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3 Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am	4	5 10 am Ladies Prayer Group	6 6:30 pm Facebook Live Bible Study	7	8	9
10 Come to the Table Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am	11	12 10 am Ladies Prayer Group	13 6:30 pm Facebook Live Bible Study	14	15 Facility in Use- Homeschool	16
17 Sanctity of Life Sunday Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am	18 Church Office Closed	19 10 am Ladies Prayer Group	20 6:30 pm Facebook Live Bible Study	21	22 Facility in Use- Homeschool	23
24 Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am	25	26 10 am Ladies Prayer Group	27 6:30 pm Facebook Live Bible Study	28	29 Facility in Use- Homeschool	30
31 Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 am	<p>Schedule of Services:</p> <p><u>Sunday</u> Worship – 9:00 am & 11:00 am Children's Worship – 11:00 am</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p><i>All Activities other than Sunday Morning Worship & Children's Worship are currently suspended until further notice. Thank you for your patience as we work through the Guidelines for re-opening during the pandemic.</i></p>					



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2021

As in the past 2 years, we will again be collecting items on a monthly basis for OCC

Shoeboxes. The collection basket is in the Senior Ladies SS Classroom. Below is a list of the items suggested for each month. Please remember that items must be fresh & new.

January: Hats, gloves, mittens (can be new or handmade)

February: Small, reusable water bottles

April: Small stuffed animals

May: Hygiene items such as soap, washcloths, toothbrushes (no tooth paste or liquids)

June: Boy toys (No knives, guns, military figures, or breakables)

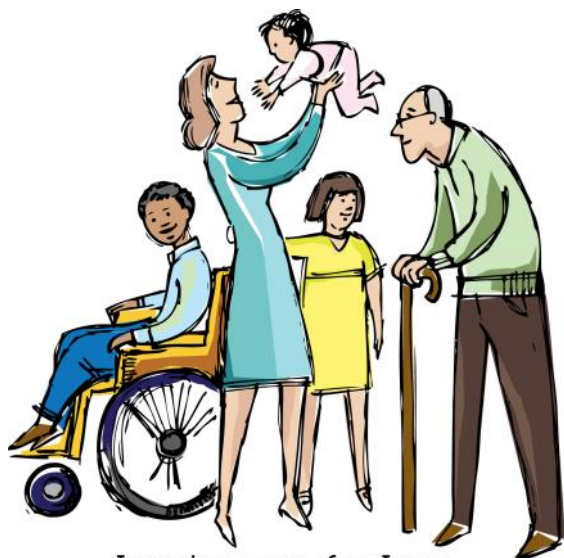
July: Clothing, children's flip flops, socks, underwear

August: School supplies (No scissors, glue or liquids)

September: Games, Etch-a-sketch, puzzles, marbles, dominos, mazes

October: Girl toys (No breakables)

November: Packing Party!



I praise you, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalms 139:14, NRSV

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 17, 2021



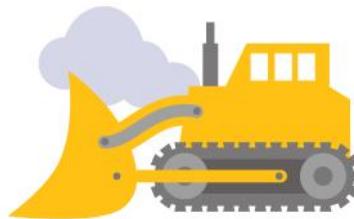
Future Growth Funding

\$20,111.62 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$354,917.10 in a Building Fund at the
Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

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Builders 2021

Nehemiah 2:18



*And they said, "Let us
rise up and build." So
they strengthened their
hands for the good
work.*

2020 was a rough year. Satan has tried to tear us down, but God has given us everything we need to rebuild. Join us this year as we build our faith and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Sunday, January 3rd
Cookies and Cocoa

Kids can come a little early (10-10:15 am) to decorate a cookie and then enjoy some hot cocoa during their Sunday school lesson.

Sunday, February 7th
Show Love Sunday

Kids come dressed in red, pink, and hearts. We will have a card creation station and a "lovely" photobooth from 10-10:15 am.

Sunday, March 7th
Pajamas and Poptarts

Kids can wear their pajamas to church! Poptarts provided!

An Ongoing Goal...



Still searching for a New Year's resolution? None is more worthy than becoming Christ-like. In fact, 19th-century evangelist Henry Drummond calls it "the only thing in the whole world worth caring for."

Two modern-day authors offer more insights. Stormie Omartian points out that we're either making progress or backsliding on this goal. "There is no neutral position in the Lord," she writes. "You are either becoming more like Christ every day or you're becoming less like him." And followers of Jesus must keep the goal always in focus. Christ-likeness is our "eventual destination," writes Rick Warren, but the "journey will last a lifetime."