

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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### From the Pastor's Pen...

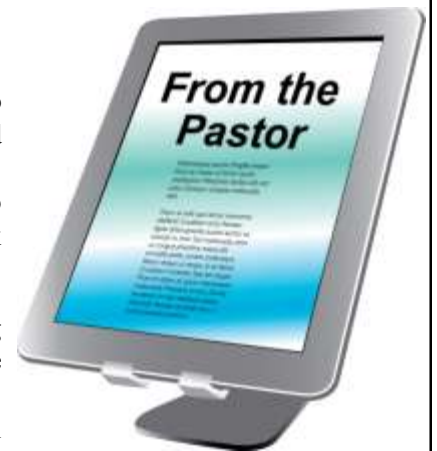
Please be praying for our mission trip to Jamaica, February 3-11. We will be going to help build a church and do some witnessing while we are there. Pray that the Lord will give us souls for our labor. Also pray for our safety as we travel and that get much work done for the Glory of God.

As we enter into February and begin thinking about Valentine's Day, I can't help but think about the love of God. The love of God is a truth that always speaks to my heart. In Romans 8:35, the apostle Paul asks a question: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" In that questions Paul gives us the simplest, most elementary truth of the Bible: **GOD LOVES US!**

Then, before he answers his own questions, he lists seven tragedies that might befall us; things commonly believed in his day to be signs of divine disfavor. These are things that might make us think God doesn't love us. Paul asks, "Shall tribulation or distress or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?" Then to his own question he gives a resounding, "No, in all of these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." And then, to reinforce this marvelous truth, Paul writes, "I am persuaded (absolutely convinced) that: neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God's love makes us "more than conquerors" in life. Because of His love we need not be overcome or defeated by our circumstances. He gives us strength and grace to stand up to life. The greatest enemies we face are sin, suffering, and death. Through Christ we have victory over all three. We have victory over sin through His death. We have victory over suffering through His presence. We have victory over death through His resurrection. Paul declares that nothing can separate us from Christ's love.

God's love can be seen everywhere, but the surest and purest expression of God's love is in the cross. Paul declares in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Oh, what love Christ has for us! Share Christ's love with others this month.



## Church Library News

### *Attitude - It's a Choice!*

Some of us choose to be crabby, nasty, mean, and probably lonely people. **Again it's a choice. Let's all take the time to think about our attitude.** It can show our families that we ant to obey God and help them realize how important the right attitude affects all our lives.

As Christians we must not rely on what we have or what we experience to give us joy, but on Christ with-in us. Joy comes from knowing Christ personally and from depending on His strength rather **than our own. It's not easy, but always know your attitude is a choice.**

Crabby - nasty - mean

*Or*

Joyful - loving - peaceful

Joyfully yours in Christ,  
Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

Here are a few choices from our Library...

*Laugh Again* by Charles Swindoll. Don't mistake this book for mere diversion that coaxes us to ignore life's hard realities and paste on happy faces. The author writes to the businessman whose busy day can use a good-humor break...to the homemaker who must either laugh or cry...to those who are eager for a little sunlight to break through a cloud of pain or grief. He maintains that any of us can exchange vexation for joy.

*Dropping Your Guard* by Charles Swindoll. This book is the author's challenge to Christians to come out of hiding - to put down the masks and risk relating to one another openly and honestly. **Doing that is not always easy. It's the only really satisfying way to live;** the only path to authentic meaningful friendships and genuine fellowship. In this book he shares some of the essential principles for building such relationships and keeping them healthy.

## February Birthdays

1	Christiaunna Brown
	Austin Johnson
3	Douglas Eash
4	Mary Robertson
6	Melba Mainord
8	Gena Barbre
10	Jim Haltom
	Bruce Reafsnider
	Misty Robinson
	Barry Huntzinger
12	Louise Byrd
13	Daven LaRose
14	Gary Huntzinger
17	Corey Dockery
18	Desten Rice
19	Andrew Vaughn
	John Gentry
	Roger Robertson
23	Ben Barbre
	Jessica Gilbert
	Braden Fischer
24	Tonia Tidwell
25	Mike Strickland
27	Lavana Stoll
28	Melanie Brandon
29	Mary Buchanan
	Debe Hahn

Happy Birthday  
To You!



## Worship Quote of the Month

We are entering the month of February and Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. Here is a hymn about Love written by George Matheson in 1882:

O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

Check out this cyber hymnal link to learn more about this hymn:

<http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/o/l/oltwnlmg.htm>

**Bro. Nick, Minister of Music**

# February

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Steve Ladd Concert in Both Morning Services  Deacons' Meeting 5 pm AWANA-Regular Mtg	<b>3</b>  <div>Mission Trip to Jamaica - February 3-11</div>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>6</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast   Valentine Banquet 6:00 pm
<b>9</b>  5 pm AWANA-Regular Mtg	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6:30pm Business Mtg.	<b>13</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>  Ladies Breakfast 8:30 am 10 am Crafty Sisters With a Mission
<b>16</b> <i>Return Baby Bottles for Pregnancy Center</i>  2-4 pm Baby Shower for Heather Blevins  5 pm AWANA-Heart to Heart Night	<b>17</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>18</b>  March Newsletter Articles due in office	<b>19</b>  6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>20</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study   6:30 pm	<b>21</b>  Family Connection 6:30 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  5 pm AWANA-Regular Mtg. Sign-up for Grand Prix	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	<b>27</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>28</b> 	
<div>  <div> <b>Schedule of Services:</b>  <b>Sunday</b>            Worship - 8:00 am &amp; 10:45 am            Sunday School - 9:30 am            Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 pm            Discipleship Training &amp; AWANA - 5:00 pm            Worship &amp; Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm         </div> <div> <b>Wednesday</b>            Children in Action - 6:30 pm            Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm            Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm            Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm            Instrumental Rehearsal         </div>  </div>						

# The Church in Action



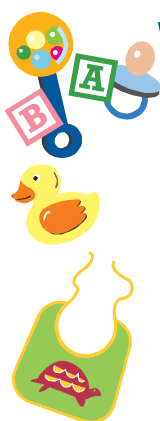
## Valentine Banquet

Please join us Saturday, February 8th at 6:00pm as we celebrate God's love at our annual Valentine's Day banquet. Bring your sweetie, a friend, a neighbor or your Mom and join us as we travel around the world!!

Dinner service will start a little after 6:00pm but come a few minutes early to ham it up in our photo booth. There will be plenty of laughs, too, brought to you live from our own Game Show Network. Tickets are on sale thru Wednesday, February 5th and can be purchased before and after services from the ticket booth in the lobby. We're family friendly here- free childcare for ages birth to preK- and kids under 12 eat free spaghetti!!! Cost is \$25 per couple with a family max of \$40 or you can buy a single ticket for \$15. All proceeds will go toward the youth camp trip in June.

Looking forward to serving you on Saturday, February 8th!

The Youth



## It's a Boy!

You're invited to a baby shower

for Heather Blevins

Sunday, February 16

2-4 pm

in the fellowship hall

Registered at Target and Pottery Barn for Kids

Nursery colors are blue & gray



## Family

## Connection

With a nod to all of the Valentine love in the air, we're celebrating with chocolate fondue! Bring a finger food and your favorite dipper (marshmallows, brownie bites, fruit, pound cake, pretzel rods, rice crispy squares..use your imagination!) to share. Drinks, paper goods, and fondue provided. Family Connection is a monthly gathering of FBC families – just married, those with young kids, those with older kids- and anyone interested in mentoring this group. Please join us Friday, February 21st at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. Brent Johnson is giving the devotion and there will be love-themed games for all!!

## Wonderful Weekend for Women

This year at Wonderful Weekend for Women we are going to discover what real, lasting love looks like; What it means to find love when we are at our most unlovable, and how we can show love to those who make loving difficult. Through stories of redemption, forgiveness, and yes, true love, we will discover what it truly means to ... LOVE DEEPLY ... and FORGIVE. "Most importantly, love each other deeply, because love will cause people to forgive each other for many sins." 1 Peter 4:8

The First Family in Columbia, TN, March 7-8

Discount for early registration. Child care available. Please see Pat Springer or Gena Barbre for more details or go to [www.thefirstfamily.org/www14](http://www.thefirstfamily.org/www14)



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February 12**  
**10:15 a.m.**  
**Everyone is welcome**

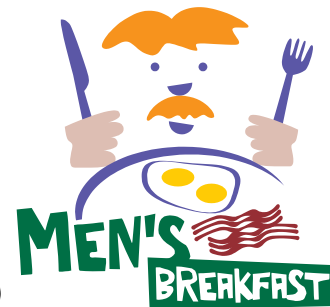
## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 8,  
8 a.m.

All Men & Boys are Invited!

Contact Ben Barbre to  
volunteer and to make  
reservations

[callmedoubleb@gmail.com](mailto:callmedoubleb@gmail.com)



Financial Peace University presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Class is open to anyone who wants to learn what God says about money. The 9 week course begins Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm. The lifetime membership kit costs \$99. To register, or for more information, contact Bruce or Julie Hull. (615.476.9522 or [juliehull@live.com](mailto:juliehull@live.com)).

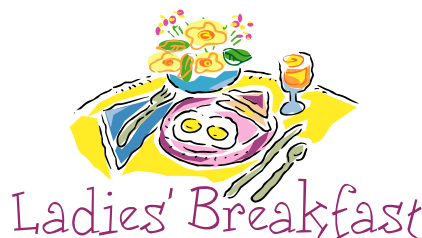
## Future Growth Funding

\$132,511.14 in a Construction

Acct. at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank

\$351, 754.41 in a Building Fund

at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



**Saturday,**  
**February 15,**  
**8:30 am**  
**Followed by**  
**Crafty Sisters With**  
**a Mission**  
**10:00 am**