# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill The Messenger

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Custodian Rhonda Purtle The old saying is that "April showers bring May flowers." As we look around we can see that is true. The flowers are blooming and the leaves are out on most of the trees and the grass is growing. Spring is definitely here. Spring always reminds me of the new life we have in Christ. Just like the plants and trees change from an appearance of deadness to a new vibrancy of color and life, so the Lord Jesus transforms us from the deadness of our sin to a life that



Jesus promises can be "abundant". I pray that you are being obedient to His commands so that you can experience the abundant life that Jesus promised.

May 11th is Mother's Day. I hope that you will not forget to honor your mother on this special day. One way that you can do this is to make a memorial gift in her honor to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. Honor your mother and help these children by contributing to the Mother's Day Offering. Please give generously to the Mother's Day Offering this year.

May is also graduation time. We have a couple of students that will be graduating this year. I want to personally congratulate them for their accomplishment. We will be recognizing all our graduates on May 18th in the 10:45 am Worship Service. If you know of any student that will be graduating this year, please inform the church office.

Let me mention that the Maury Baptist Association Summer Mission Trip is July 13-18. This year, the trip will be in Townsend, TN. We will be partnering with the Knox County Baptist Association working at Camp Ba-Yo-Ca. The focus of the trip will be construction/maintenance at the camp, leading in worship, cooking and serving meals, cleaning, weed eating/mowing, and much more. Adult & Youth volunteers are needed. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, you need to sign up before June 12th. The cost for the trip is \$100. I hope you will pray and consider going on this trip.

Bro J

#### **Church Library News**

#### **Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, great**grandmothers, and mothers-in-law. We wish the women of our church a wonderful loving day with their families. Some of us are separated from our loved ones by distance or estrangement; to those we hope you offer this day to Jesus who will give you His peace and love.

We Christians have the Lord Himself dwelling within us, so our inner strength is unlimited. Peace comes from trusting in God. Ephesians 2:14 says, "He Himself is our Peace."

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

<u>Mom Take Time</u> by Pat Baker. The author advises moms are individuals, too, and they must take time out for themselves to develop ways to release pressures that build up, to maintain an attractive physical appearance, and to discover ways to expand and grow mentally and spiritually. She encourages both husband and wife to take time-outs together to avoid getting into a parent trap of not having time for each other as they raise their family.

<u>Being a Wild, Wonderful Woman for God</u> by Becky Tirabassi. The author tells the story of her surprising conversion, and describes what happens as she becomes energized with faith. This is a story of healing from the wounds of growing up in a dysfunctional home and living for the wrong kind of love, of her search for mentors, and the strength and discipline she found in prayer.

<u>Where Does a Mother Go to Resign?</u> by Barbara Johnson. Two of the author's sons had died, her husband was in a near fatal car accident and her other son declared he was homosexual and disappeared for 11 years. Instead of reveling in despair, Barbara learned to cope—to find comfort in God's never-ending embrace. They set out on a personal journey of survival and restoration that included a stead diet of joy and hope.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

### Worship Quote of the Month

The poet was Martin Rinkart, a pastor in Eilenburg, Saxony in the early 17th century. He lived at a time of great political strife. During the Thirty Years War, his city was under siege by Swedish and Austrian armies. In 1637 a plague swept through the area and during one period of time, since he was the only surviving pastor, he was conducting some 50 funerals a day. What unbelievable hardship! And yet, in the face of all this pain and sorrow, this hymn resounds with clarity and confidence in God's providential care. This is thanksgiving that comes out of a poet's understanding of eternal values, not just immediate blessings or temporary comforts and joys. Is there a lesson here for us? The hymn also has a great Mother's Day line...

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills in this world and the next. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

### May Birthdays

- 1 Luella Eisner
- 4 Charles England Michelle Proctor
- 8 Audrey Vaughn
- 9 Braden Smith
- 10 Shelby Burns
- 11 Deanie Moore
- 13 Tommy Usery
- 15 Terry Wilkins Rietta Smith
- Pippa Howland
- 17 Jacob Robinson
- 19 Patty Christian
- 20 Crystal Vaughn
- 21 Colton Capley
- 22 John Andre Lucyara Usery
- 23 Mary Blake
- 25 Danny Sharp
- 26 Ana Payne
- 29 Kevin Fischer
- 31 Nicolas LaRose

# Happy Birthday To You!







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Gideon Speaker in both Morning Services				9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study		
Bridal Shower 2-4 pm						
Deacons' Meeting AWANA-Regular Mtg.			6:30pm Prayer Mtg.			5-8 pm Mother/ Daughter Dinner
11	12	13	14 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship	15 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	16	17
MothersDay, No AWANA	June Newsletter Items due in office		6:30pm Business Mtg.		Family Connection- Wizard of Oz	5 pm AWANA Appreciation Dinner
18 Graduate Recognition	19	20	21	22 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	23 Youth Fundraiser Bar-B-Q!	24
AWANA Sunday	June Newsletter Articles due in office		6:30pm Prayer Mtg.		5:30-7 pm Youth BBQ Dinner Fundraiser	
25 YOUTH SUPPER MONES STRM	26 Memorial D Church Office Closed	27	28 6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	29 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	30	<b>31</b> Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Facilities in Use
Sun Adu Dise	<i>edule of Services:</i> <u>aday</u> rship - 8:00 am & day School - 9:30 alt Choir Rehearsal cipleship Training & rship & Youth Svc.	am - 4:00 pm & AWANA - 5:0	Prayer Youth 0 pm Busines	<u>day</u> en in Action - 6:30 Meeting - 6:30 pm Service (In Youth H ss Mtg. (2nd Wedn hental Rehearsal	n House) - 6:30 pm	

### The Church in Action



A Celebration of Mothers and Daughters Honoring all ladies of our church Saturday, May 10, 5-8 pm **Sponsored by the Men's Ministry** 

Sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby to reserve your place.

Church Family: The Men need your help! Men & Young Men are needed to volunteer as grillers, greeters, set up guys, food prep and help catering to our lovely ladies. We are also still in need of donations for door prizes. If you know someone interested please see Ben or Bruce. For example last year we had, Avon, Scentsy, Mary Kay, coffee gift card, etc. You may also consider donating gift cards for prizes. If you are unable to volunteer your time, please consider a donation for our ladies.



A Recipe Shower for Rachel Hudspeth Sunday, May 4th 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite recipe and the non-perishable ingredients to make it. Come join us as we "shower" the bride!





Offering Envelopes and information will be in the bulletin on May 10th.

Please plan now to give to this special offering that provides group homes for at-risk children in our state.

**Future Growth Funding** 

\$136,200.14 in a Construction
Acct. at First Farmer's &
Merchant's Bank
\$356,064.92 in a Building Fund at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



#### Family



Friday, May 16th. Field Trip!! Miss Meredith Warren is playing **Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz at the People's Church in Franklin** so we are enjoying an evening out this month. The show begins at 7:00pm. The show is sold out, but even if you did not preorder tickets, please join us for dinner at 5:00 pm at Amigo's in The Crossings.

June 13th, 6:30 pm, we're playing outside with a cookout and water fun for all!



Cracker Barrel Fellowship Wednesday, May 14 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome

Openings Are Still Available! Mother's Day Out Registration is open for Fall 2014 3 & 4 year olds Please call 615.302.3946



Mother's Day Out



Coming Soon!! Vacation Bible School June 2-6, 8:45 am-Noon Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Help get the word out!!



#### Ride for Life benefitting the Tennessee Right to Life Saturday, May 3

FAITH Riders need your help! On May 3rd, we are serving lunch after the ride and need donations of desserts. All church family is invited to join in this time of fellowship. On the

ride, we also have a chase truck loaded with snacks to be at each of the stops along the ride. Any donations of Little Debbie Snack Cakes, peanut butter cracker packs, candy, etc. are needed. Please call Patty Welch (615.308.9114) to let her know of your help. Thank you very much!