



# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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Why do some people call Thanksgiving day, Turkey Day? The answer is simple and clear. Satan desires to remove all reference to God from anything that is for the purpose of worshiping God. Satan wants to divert all worship to him alone; therefore, he begins by chipping away at the stones that seem less important. Yet the Scripture warns in Psalm 11:3: *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?* The Devil slowly takes away some here and a little there and Christians fail to see the importance of such building blocks. The fact is we seem to be "ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11); we willingly refuse to see the impact of his deceptions.

Satan doesn't want people to be worshiping God by giving thanks to Him. Instead; the devil desires to make humans worship the creature more than the Creator. Think about it!

Thanksgiving tells us to remember to worship God and the term Turkey Day tells us to only think about the feast. Satan just sits back and laughs as Christians apathetically go along with his lies. It is time we quit looking at the war between us and the devil as a futuristic Armageddon and start realizing that it is a right now battle. As we wait for Christ to come, Satan continues to beguile the world and we allow it to happen simply because we don't want to "rock the boat" or be a "fanatic". I have news for us Christians! God did not call us to be popular in this world; He did not call us to be successful; but he called us to be faithful; Faithful in proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

We must stop allowing Satan to deceive us with his beguiling ways. We do not celebrate Thanksgiving for a turkey feast or even as a day to gather and be a family. No! We celebrate Thanksgiving for the sole purpose of giving thanks and glory to God! If we try to give the praise that supposed to be given to God to our own wants or lusts, then we are worshiping ourselves (the creature) more than the creator Jesus Christ (Romans 1:25). Be thankful to God this Thanksgiving!



*Bro J*

# O, Give Thanks...



# Library News

## NOVEMBER – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday. It is a nonstop event 24/7, 365 days a year. We are to praise God continually and always.

On this Thanksgiving Day, God wants us to remember all He has done and to share it with our families. As you celebrate this day, ask them what they are thankful for. Let their thanks increase your faith so you can trust God with everything.

When the food is eaten, the guests gone, the holiday is at an end, may your mind be with God in an attitude of praise and Thanksgiving.

1 Chronicles 16:8: *Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.*

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

When God Whispers Your Name by Max Lucado. Somewhere, between the pages of this book and the pages of your heart, God whispers your name. Find that hard to believe? To imagine that the One who made it all keeps your name in His heart and on His lips? It may be difficult to believe that God knows your name, but He does.

The Gift of the Blessing by Gary Smalley and John Trent. This is a powerful book no family should be without. You will find solid, practical advice on how to be a blessing as well as how to insure that your parents, spouse, and children all feel the security of family approval. So, if you have older children who moved away from home, they're never out of reach of the blessing.

Approaching God by Steve Brown. The author discovered that we can come to God with our fear and without a concern for "sophistication and slickness." He explores the practical side of praying – the awe and wonder of relating to a great God and warmly invites us all to the richness of joyous, authentic prayer.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

# November Birthdays

1	Emily Vogt
3	Doris Stephens
7	Lisa Weston
8	Peyton Andre
9	Sarah Smathers
10	Glynn Brown
11	John Boyle
14	Denise Bearden
	Jason Terrillion
15	Hannah Long
16	Helen Huntzinger
	Lexi Mefferd
18	Pat Springer
	Brooks Hester
19	Brenda Bland
24	Jane Love
	Guinevere Smathers
	Bentley Andre
25	Tyson Peters
26	Don Owens
	David Long
28	Marjorie Wells
30	Sam Long

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*

## From the Church Office

**Church Calendar:** The "master" calendar for church facility use and activities is in the church office. It's hard to believe, but **Christmas** is less than 8 weeks away! It won't be long before 2019 is just a memory. This time of year brings class get-togethers, Christmas parties, and other extra events. **Please let the church office know of your activity or event so that it can be publicized, AND most importantly, be sure that it does not conflict with other activities.** Call or email to keep us informed. Thank you!

**Veterans Day Service:** The Stephens Family, Staff of Spring Hill Memorial Park, Funeral Home & Cremation Services, and the City of Spring Hill invite you to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Hill Veterans Day Service honoring the Veterans of the US. The keynote speaker will be TN Rep. Sam Whitson, Colonel US Army Retired. There will also be special music and local organizations will participate in the service, as well. There will be special recognition to honor all veterans. The service will be held on **Sunday, November 10, 2:00 pm at the Spring Hill Memorial Funeral Home**. Please join the entire community for a tribute to those that have served and those that continue to serve our country today. For more information, please call (931) 486-0059.

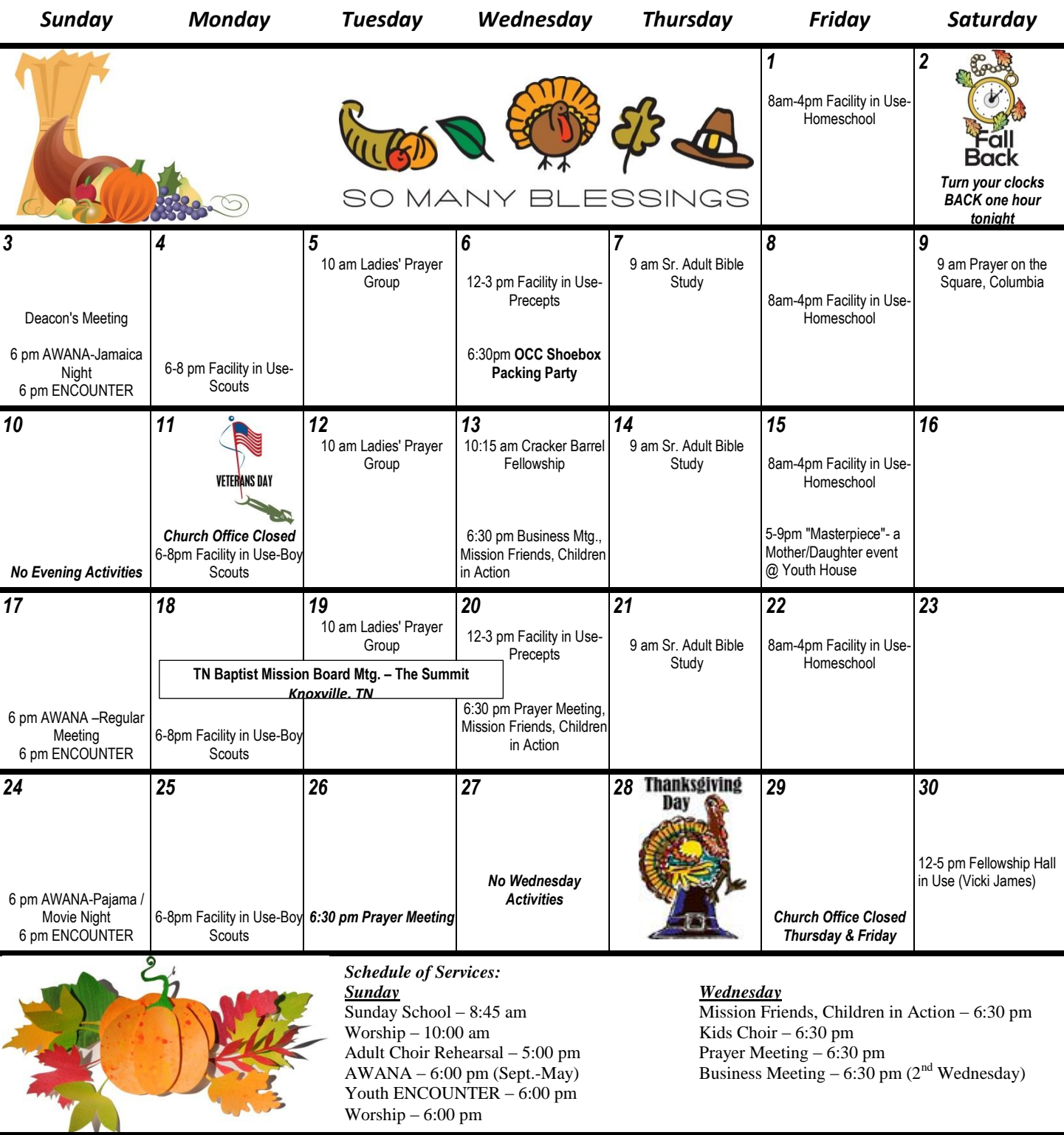
**Offering Envelopes:** If you do not have offering envelopes or are running low, please let me know and a box will be prepared for you. Don't forget that you can also give through our website, the Church Life App, or text.

**Happy Thanksgiving, FBCSH!** I am thankful every day for you and your ministry to Spring Hill! Thank you for allowing me to serve you!



**Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2.**

*Paula*, Ministry Assistant





# Our Church in Action



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, November 13,**  
**10:15 am**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**  
 (The Crossings, Spring Hill)

## KidCentral News...



**Schedule**  
**Nov. 3: No Children's Church**  
**Nov. 10: Ben & Gena Barbre**  
**Nov. 17: Brandon & Britany Luker**  
**Nov. 24: Peters Family**

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

**November 3: Jane Love & Paul Smith**  
**November 10: Dan & Jan LaRose**  
**November 17: Willie & Shirleen Mangrum**  
**November 24: Tammy & Caroline Lovely**



Childcare Available

**Nursery Desk Schedule**  
**Nov. 3: Benji Robinson**  
**Nov. 10: TBD**  
**Nov. 17: Rusty Robinson**  
**Nov. 24: Phillip Pullen**

Thank you for your wonderful response to the food needs for The Well.

110 lbs. of food was delivered this past month!



**Current High Needs Grocery List:** Canned vegetables & fruit, tomato sauce, Boxed goods (brown or white rice, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, Ramen Noodles), dried beans (all varieties), pasta sauce, applesauce, ketchup, mayo, mustard, syrup, PEANUT BUTTER (most needed item!)

(Boxes are located in Sr. Ladies Classroom/Library)

**Let's keep filling the boxes to overflowing!!**

### AWANA Schedule



November 3: Jamaica Night  
 November 10: **NO AWANA**  
 November 17: Regular Night  
 November 24: PJ/Movie Night



part of this special Christmas Ministry.

We have prepared all year to fill shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child 2019**. The time has finally arrived that we pack the shoeboxes! We still need toys for Boys (no military or weapons type, please). Packing Party is Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to be

## Budget Planning

It's time to prepare the 2020 Budget. All Committees that are responsible for a line item in the budget will receive a copy of expenditures of that line item January through October of 2019 to aid in your budget preparations and requests. These will be available on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please meet with your committees, prepare your requests, and turn those in to Aaron Easton (Church Treasurer) or the church office ASAP. Thank you!

### **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.



**Future Growth Funding**  
 \$18,012.50.62.50 in a Construction Acct.  
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
 \$338,316.46 in a Building Fund  
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



**Blessings Fellowship**  
**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**immediately following morning**  
**worship service**

**The church will provide ham, turkey and dressing, bread and drinks.**

**Please bring side dishes and/or desserts to share and join us for a time of sweet fellowship. Questions? See Patty Welch.**