

First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

The Messenger

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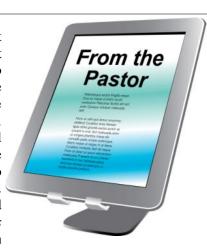
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<u>Custodian</u> Rhonda Purtle November is the month in which we think about giving thanks. To say "Thank you" is an easy thing, but it is not a little thing. It is not little because God chose to mention praise and thanksgiving nearly 400 times in the Bible. There are commandments to praise and give thanks. There are exhortations to praise and give thanks. There are examples of praise and thanksgiving. With all of these references it is impossible for us to escape the conclusion that praise and thanksgiving are important to God. God wants us to give Him praise and thanksgiving. True praise and thanksgiving pleases the Lord. God said through the psalmist in Psalm 50:23, "Whoever offers praise glorifies Me." The writer of Hebrews said in



13:15-16, "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

What are you most thankful for this year? Take time to reflect on this past year and count the blessings that God has given to you. Make a list and then thank God for each blessing. I think that when you begin to make your list you'll be like the little girl who was walking with her father one night. She said to her father, "Father, I'm going to count the stars." The father heard her count to two-hundred and twenty-five. Then he heard her sigh, "Oh dear, I had no idea there were so many. I don't believe I can ever count them all!" The wise father answered, "The stars are just like God's benefits. God showers us with His blessings and benefits day by day. There are so many of them that we can never count them all." I think we can all say, "Amen!" to that. God has blessed us in so many ways that we could never be able to count them all. Nevertheless, we need to thank and praise Him for His blessings.

Make this Thanksgiving a time for genuine expression of joyful gratitude to God. Thank Him for the persons, provisions, institutions, and groups that bless you.



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Church Library News

November - Happy Thanksgiving!

We are truly thankful to God for al we have and we are also thankful to be members of First Baptist Church of Spring Hill. God has made our church full of loving and kind people of all ages who work together to serve and help. This fellowship is God-made not manmade, so let's thank God for our church members and remember our first love goes to God. May you and your families have a blessed and loving Thanksgiving.

Psalm 100:4 - Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Here are a few books about God's amazing grace from our Library...

<u>When God Whispers Your Name</u> by Max Lucado. He knows your name. In fact, your name is written on the hand of God. Quite a thought, isn't it? Perhaps you've never seen your name honored. And you can't remember when you heard it spoken with kindness. If so, it may be more difficult for you to believe that God knows your name. But He does. As you turn the pages you can hear the Father...whispering your name...erasing yoru doubts, sorrow and despair.

<u>The Gift of Forgiveness</u> by Charles Stanley. This book is strongly Bible-based and reflects the heart of his ministry. In this book the author addresses such questions as how to practice a life of forgiveness in terms of your relationships and how to make forgiveness an ongoing, practical experience in your life.

<u>Hard to Believe</u> by John MacArthur. In this book the author will make you face gospel reality...what it really means to be committed to Jesus Christ and not a cheap imitation of Christian life. He shares personal reflections and life lessons from more than forty years in Christian ministry that offers a rare glimpse into his own spiritual challenges and triumphs.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

November Birthdays

- Tiffany Brock
- 2 Kenneth Anderson Rodney Smith
- 3 Doris Stephens
- 6 Katherine Lockhart
- 8 Peyton Andre Benjie Gentry
- 10 Glynn Brown
- 11 Don Gray John Boyle
- 12 Nathaniel Huntzinger
- 14 Jim Casteel
 Denise Bearden
 Jason Terrillion
- 16 Cathy Wood
 Ana Aponte
 Helen Huntzinger
 Mason Robbins
- 17 Janet Hicks
- 18 Pat Springer
- 19 Brenda Bland
- 22 Allen Hall
- 23 Megan Sharp
- 24 Jane Love
- 28 Marjorie Wells Geft Apollon





Worship Quote of the Month

Psalm 119:11 - I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I may not sin against you."

How many times can you remember a situation where you had a Bible verse in mind and you just couldn't remember it all? How many times were you talking to someone and a specific verse applied to their situation and you couldn't remember? If you are like me, then I am sure you can recall numerous times you have found yourself in these situations. This is why I am beginning "Lifelines" for 2015. "Lifelines" will be the weekly memory verse for the entire church. Each week, during the worship service, we will be saying the memory verses as groups and individuals.

Everyone, from kids to seasoned saints, and everyone in between, are invited to participate. Let's make 2015 the year that we "hide the Word in our hearts."



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 Deacons' Meeting	3	4 ELECTION DAY	5	6 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	7	8 am Men's Breakfast	
5:00 pm Blessings Fellowship Dinner No AWANA	6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	10 am Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 pm Financial Peace University	6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.			9:45 am Yard Work Day at Bro. Jarman's	
9 10 am Steve Long– Missionary Speaker 2 pm Veterans Mem. Svc. Spring Hill Fun. Home 5:30 pm AWANA -	10 4 pm Children in Action to Missionary Extravaganza 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	Office Closed HONORING * OUR * VEIERANS 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	12 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6:30pm Business Mtg.	13 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	14	15 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast	
Regular Mtg.	The Summit-	TN Baptist Conver	ntion Meeting				
16 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes return date	17December Newsletter Articles due in office6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	18 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	19	9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	21	22	
5:30 pm AWANA - Regular Mtg.	7 pm Shoebox Packing Party		6:30pm Prayer Mtg.		6:30 pm Family Connection		
23	24	25 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	26	27	28	29	
5:30 pm AWANA— Uniform Inspection	6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	Prayer Mtg. Moved to Tuesday	Office Closed	Office Closed		
30 5:30 pm No AWANA	Schedule of Services: Sunday Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School - 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 pm Discipleship Training - 5:00 pm			Wednesday 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			
	AWANA - 5:30 - 7:00 pm Worship & Youth Svc 6:00 pm				Instrumental Rehearsal		

The Church in Action



Saturday, November 8 8:00 am

Please contact Benji Robinson for more information.

Saturday, November 15 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall Speaker: Bev Williams All ladies invited! Bring a breakfast dish to share.



Cracker Barrel Fellowship Wednesday, November 12 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)





Saturday, November 8 Meet at Church

9:34 AM — go to Bro. Amos Jarman's house to trim trees, bushes, and general yard clean Work. *Everyone* is welcome & needed to help.

Blessings Fellowship Dinner Sunday, November 2, 5:00 pm

Bring a covered dish to share as we celebrate the season of giving thanks. (Church will provide bread & tea). There will be no



other evening activities. For more information, please see Patty Welch.

Guest Speaker Sunday, November 9, 10:00 am

Missionary Steve Long Northwest Ohio Baptist Association

Future Growth Funding

\$143,886.37 in a Construction Acct. at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank \$364,289.58 in a Building Fund at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



Family



It's **Thanksmas Time!** Yes, you read it correctly...we just created our own celebration for our November Family Connection. Join us *Friday, November 21st t 6:30 pm* in the Fellowship Hall for Thanksgiving and Christmas all rolled into one exciting event!! We'll provide the ham, turkey, paper goods, and drinks. Here's what you need to do:

- Don your ugliest Christmas sweater ad whip up your family's favorite holiday side dish and dessert to bring and share.
- We'll eat the feast and then sing Christmas Carols. A Charlie Brown Christmas and the Grinch will be showing for the kids young and old.

Family Connection at FBCSH is a group of young(ish) families who come together monthly for fellowship and fun. We purpose to love, support, and pray for each other. Come join us!



The *Children in Action* are proud sponsors of a catalog sale for *WorldCrafts*. WorldCrafts partners with artisans in impoverished areas around the world to assist them in developing viable employment opportunities. We will have a booth set up at the church dinner on November 2. Place your order on or before November 9 for

delivery before Christmas. There are some beautiful pieces for sale so we encourage you to browse a catalog. Please see Julie Hull if you would like a sneak preview!! Learn more about WorldCraft at www.worldcrafts.org.

Children in Action Grades 3-6: We will be visiting missionaries at the TBC Missions Extravaganza on Monday, November 10 at Brentwood Baptist Church. We'll depart from FBCSH at 4 pm and return at approximately 7:30 pm. Bring money for a fast food supper on the way home. ALL are welcome to join us. Children younger than 3rd grade, please bring your Mom or Dad.



Shoeboxes are available for you to pack for "Operation Christmas Child". We have LOTS of shoeboxes available along with labels and packing directions on the tables in the lobby. You may also print your own labels here.

Shoeboxes must be returned to the church by Nov. 16, and the Pizza Packing Party is Monday, November 17. (Please let Gena or Debbie know if you plan to attend). You may also donate to the cost of shipping the boxes (suggested donation is \$7 per box). Please mark your donation "Operation Christmas Child" and place in the offering. We have 200 boxes to fill.

Contact Gena Barbre or Debbie Watkins for more information.