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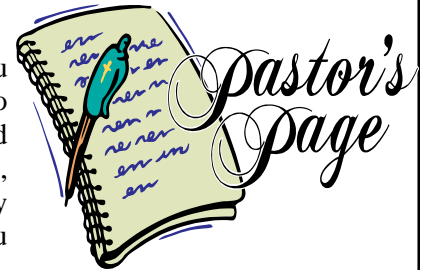
Rhonda Purtle

If you are a Christian the Bible teaches that you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit comes into the life of a Christian at the moment of salvation and Jesus said He'll be with you forever and He'll be in you, He will never leave you. By the way, that ought to say something to you about your daily life. Everywhere you go as a believer, the Holy Spirit is in your life.

Everything you say as a believer, the Holy Spirit is a silent witness. Everything you do as a believer, the Holy Spirit is a silent witness. Everything you do as a believer the Holy Spirit is right there in your heart. Now the Holy Spirit will never leave you but you can, if you choose, push the Holy Spirit into the background of your life and stifle Him and not allow Him to have control of your life as a believer, and not allow the Holy Spirit to use you in service as He wants to use you.

Now there is a three-fold work of the Spirit of God in the life of a believer. Number one, **He wants to do something for you**, that's salvation, so the Bible says don't resist Him. Number two, **He wants to do something in you**, that's sanctification, so the Bible says don't grieve Him. But number three, **He wants to do something through you**, that's service, and so the scripture says here don't quench Him. Let the Holy Spirit of God do what He wants to do in your life. You'd be surprised what God will do in your life in 2017 if you won't quench the Holy Spirit. So He's saying, "Be useful, and let the Holy Spirit control your life."

Have you allowed the Holy Spirit to take control of your life? The Church will grow or diminish based on the active work of the Holy Spirit as He flows through the people of God to accomplish the will of God on earth. I'm going to ask you to yield your life to Him and say, "Holy Spirit, take control of my life; fill me and use me in 2017." I believe that if we would all pray that prayer and mean it that the blessings that God will pour out upon us in 2017 will be too numerous to imagine. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through us so that we can see the church grow through the coming year!



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February

About this time of year with the cold weather and gloom we start to grumble. Whether we are stuck in traffic or waiting for someone who is late, family members who have all the time in the world, or just waiting to be served, we complain. It's as if we have a gift for grumbling and we feel like we should express it with gusto.

Are you prone to complaining? Remember Eccl. 3:11: *He has made everything beautiful in its time.*

Here are a few books from our Library:

The Gift of the Blessing by Gary Smalley. This book details five elements of the Blessing: Meaningful touch, the spoken word, the expression of high value, the description of a special future, the application of genuine commitment. And then the author shows you how to apply these very important elements to your life, as others have, and experience life-changing peace.

Twelve Ordinary Men by John MacArthur. The author offers a new look at the men chosen to help ignite the world with the message of the gospel. And you might be surprised to discover how much like us they truly were: They couldn't comprehend the power of God. They struggled with their own sins. They wrestled with the cost of commitment. They discovered real influence. Then Jesus sent them out for a mission that was too great for them to possibly accomplish. It's the same call He gives to you. Jesus is changing you, shaping you, and inviting you to follow Him.

I Never Thought I'd See the Day! by David Jeremiah. The author examines the signs of the decline of Western civilization and how this cultural shift might impact us all such as Marriage becoming obsolete, the Bible marginalized, Spiritual warfare intensifying, America turning its back on Israel & more. Can this downward spiral be reversed? The author offers hope.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Robertson, Vivienne Okma, & Joan Frank



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Nelson England
- Alivia Easton
- 4 Mary Robertson
- 6 Melba Mainord
- 8 Gena Barbre
- 10 James Haltom
- Misty Robinson
- Noah Albert
- 13 Daven LaRose
- 14 Brandon Luker
- 19 Andrew Vaughn
- 23 Ben Barbre
- Braden Fischer
- 27 Lavana Stoll
- 28 Melanie Brandon
- 29 Mary Buchanan
- Debe Hahn

*Happy Birthday
to You!*

From the Church Office

Thank you for picking up your new Offering Envelopes! There are a few boxes remaining for pick-up. Please help us get the envelopes delivered! Everyone's new numbers are very helpful in the posting process.

While we're on giving -- Don't forget that **Online Giving** is available through our web site and the **Church Life App, AND** even by **texting FBCSH to 73256**. Follow the directions in the text message to complete your gift. The church accepts gifts by debit card and electronic check. If you have any problems with this, please contact the church office.

Has your email, phone number or address changed in recent months? Please fill out a data information sheet for every member of your family (even the babies!) so that we have all your information correct. Sheets are available at the welcome center. We don't want to miss listing your birthday, or getting important information to you in a timely manner. Thank you!



Baby Bottle Campaign to Benefit The Pregnancy Centers of Middle TN

Each year, FBCSH participates in this fundraiser for the centers. Baby bottles are available in the basket on the table in the lobby. Take the bottles home, fill them with a check, currency or coins, and return them to the church by Sunday, **February 26**. There is an insert in each bottle that you may list the name and address of a person you wish to honor with your donation. The center will send a card to them showing the you have made a gift for life in their honor. This campaign is used to fund the center's programs that help families in crisis. Services are free and confidential. Some of the services include: pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound, post abortion help, parenting classes, and healthy relationships education in schools and churches. Thank you.

Blessings...

Paula

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FEBRUARY 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		<p>1</p> <p>6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GROUNDHOG DAY 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Fellowship Hall in Use</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>Baby Bottle Campaign Begins</p> <p>Deacons' Mtg. 5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA - Flashlight/Glow Night</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 am Ladies' Prayer Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship</p> <p>6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Business Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am FAITH Riders State Directors' Mtg. Fellowship Hall in Use</p>
<p>12</p> <p>5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Valentine's Day</i></p> <p>10 am Ladies' Prayer Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30 pm Youth Bowling Party</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am-Noon Children's Ministry Day & Pizza</p>
<p>19</p> <p>5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Presidents DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 am Ladies' Prayer Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 am Love Notes Brunch</p>
<p>26</p> <p><i>Filled Baby Bottles due back Today</i></p> <p>5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10 am Ladies' Prayer Group</p>				

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
 Sunday School - 8:45 am
 Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm
 KidsPraise! Children's Choir - 5:30 pm
 AWANA - 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May)
 Worship - 6:00 pm

Wednesday

ESL Classes - 6:00 pm
 Children in Action & Mission Friends 6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm
 Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm
 Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm



The Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, February 8
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
 (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

English as a Second Language Classes
Each Wednesday
6-7:30 pm
In the fellowship hall

We will soon be scheduling another time for training for anyone who would like to teach English to our precious international friends living in our community. Please see Pat Springer for more details.



Mark Your Calendar!!
Men's Breakfast
Saturday, March 4, 8:00 am

Questions or more information?
 See John Boyle

VBS Will Be Here Before We Know It!

Using an outer space theme, we will be presenting the gospel to the children of Spring Hill. Director Patty Welch is now recruiting workers and helpers. Please contact Patty (615-308-9114) and let her know **NOW** your willingness to serve in this important ministry of our church.

**Please save your Pringles™ potato chip cans for a VBS craft project. Thank you!!



Future Growth Funding
 \$14,431.69 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$369,015.83 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Happy February!

* We will celebrate in a sweet way on Monday, February 6. Join us at Sweet Cece's at 3:45 pm for a little after school treat. Sweet cups are 99 cents today. Sweet!!

*We're cold now, but spring is right around the corner (yay!!). We are looking for a leadership team to organize our annual community egg hunt. Email us at fbcschildrensministry@gmail.com to volunteer or for more details.

*Please note that calendars for children's church, AWANA, and nursery are now posted outside the children's ministry office (just in case you forget your scheduled date!). Also, PLEASE fill out our Family Ministry info sheet (found in the same location) if you have not already done so. We want to keep you informed of all things kids and family!!

Children's Church Worker Schedule:

- Feb. 5:** Misty & Jacob Robinson
- Feb. 12:** Kimberly Pullen & Laura Sparkman
- Feb. 19:** Eddie & Sharon Brawner
- Feb. 26:** The Peters Family

10th Annual Children's Ministry Day - February 18, 10 am - Noon
 The Children in Action will minister to the Spring Hill Police Department on this day. They are taking donations of snacks and bottled water. All participating children will wear a **Love Your Neighbor** badge. Following the visit to the Police Department, the children will enjoy a Pizza Party at the church. Questions or want to help? See Patty Christian or Debbie Watkins.



Love Notes Brunch!
Saturday, February 25 9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a carefully prepared Valentine Brunch, special musical notes from Amy Howland, skits, notes of love from Chris Peters, and Door Prizes!! Invitations are in a basket on the table in the lobby. Please RSVP by February 20 by returning the ticket at the bottom of the invitation to the Valentine Box in the lobby. Questions or more information? Contact Pat Springer at patspr2@juno.com.

WMU Missions Get-Together
March 31-April 2

Brochures are available on the table in the lobby. A block of motel rooms have been reserved for our church group. Please see Pat Springer for more information and to make reservations.

