

First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

The Messenger

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I've been thinking lately about how wonderful it is to be a Christian. In Hebrews 10:23 the writer of Hebrews says, "let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." The Christian life is wonderful because we have a faithful God. He is faithful in that we have pardon for our past sins, power for our present challenges, and promises for our future uncertainties. We have someone to live with, something to live for, and someplace to live toward. As one lady put it after hearing the 23rd Psalm, "My cup runneth over, and my saucer, too!"

Along with these wonderful privileges of the Christian life also come responsibilities. So often we emphasize the fact that we cannot do anything to be saved (that is, we are not saved by works) that we sometimes imply that we do not have to do anything after we are saved. But as Paul put it in Ephesians 2:8-10, where he warned against any concept of "works" salvation, he also said that we have been saved for good works. Working for God seems the only natural and adequate response when we realize what He has done for us. Since God has done so much for us, we should be willing to do much for Him. What are you doing for Christ? Let me take a brief detour here and remind you that the Nominating Committee is now working to secure new teachers and committee members for the next church year. What area of service is the Lord speaking to you about? Remember, when asked to serve say "Yes!" to the Nominating Committee; Say "Yes!" to the Lord.

"There is a corner somewhere
That I alone can fill.
If I fail to take my place,
No other ever will.
It's all a part of God's great plan,
That each a worker be,
And somewhere in His vineyard wide,
The Lord needs even me!"

Remember, the church needs every person actively involved if we are going to be the church the Lord wants us to be.

As we enter into August let us also work hard to build up our attendance. I realize that many will still try to get in that last bit of vacation before school starts back, but we need to be inviting others to come and join our Sunday School and worship. Look at your class and see who is missing and give them a call and encourage them to come back to Sunday School.



Library News

AUGUST – Happy School Days!

Most of our children don't want to be reminded that this month school starts because they have to go to bed early, get up early, make sure homework is complete, and make school lunches.

However, most kids love going to Target or Walmart to get their school supplies and to check out what's new so they will be prepared. This is a good time to remind our kids about God's commandments about how to get along with each other, to be God's children, to know the Holy Spirit is with us, and know that God loves us.

Psalm 104:24, 27: *O Lord, how many and varied are your works!! In wisdom have You made them all: the earth is full of Your riches and Your creatures...These all wait and are dependent upon You.*

Here are a few books from our Library...

Worship is a Verb by Robert E. Webber. In this dynamic book the author declares that worship is not "something doen to us or for us, but by us." It is the most exhaustive demonstration of our faith and the most intimate form of relationship we can have with our Savior. This book will show you how to leave the dull confines of the pew and enter the courts of the Living God.

Embraced by God by Babbie Mason. In the pages of this book the author reminds us that when we know we are loved by God and that we are in His eternal plan, we will never again wonder if our life matters. We can start of heading in the wrong direction and still end up in the right place because we are embraced by God.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

**CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY!!
THERE ARE BOOKS FOR ALL AGES!**

August Birthdays

1	Shelia Chitwood
2	Addison Burns Anna Russell
5	Shirleen Mangrum
6	Dale Ploen
7	Andy Burdett Eva Terrillion
8	Sharon Brawner Chance Bland
9	Shirley Young
10	Robert McArtor Brent Johnson Amy Howland
12	Sarah Seiber
13	Chase Pullen
14	Sharon Grace
15	Julie Hull
16	Misti Boshers
17	Nita Burdett
19	Lauren Bailey
20	Vern Burdett Tammy Lovely
21	Keith Groves
24	Amos Jarman
26	Todd Whitworth
27	Faye Stamps Tom Hagerty Fabienne Apollon
31	Vicki James

Happy Birthday to You!

Community Resources Report



2019 Gift Card Campaign to benefit The Pregnancy Centers of Middle TN

Did you know that the Pregnancy Centers of Middle TN provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasound, counseling, and parent education, Bible Study classes to the community, a Mom's Support Group, and a Jail Ministry that includes Parenting &

Budgeting Classes? An incentive to keep participants coming to classes is a \$10 gift card to Walmart, Kroger, etc. From 2018 to 2019, the centers have seen an overall growth of 44% of new & returning clients and they rely solely on community support to provide all these free services.

FBCSH Women's Ministry will be receiving donations of \$10 gift cards **during the month of August** – place the cards in the box at the Welcome Desk. The Gift Card campaign has been noticed by an anonymous donor who will match donations up to \$2000! The Women's Ministry has reached out to other churches in the area for participation in this campaign, as well. Yes, we have had man "special offerings" the past few months, but the next time you are checking out at a local store, add a gift card for this very important ministry.

From the Church Office

Reminders...

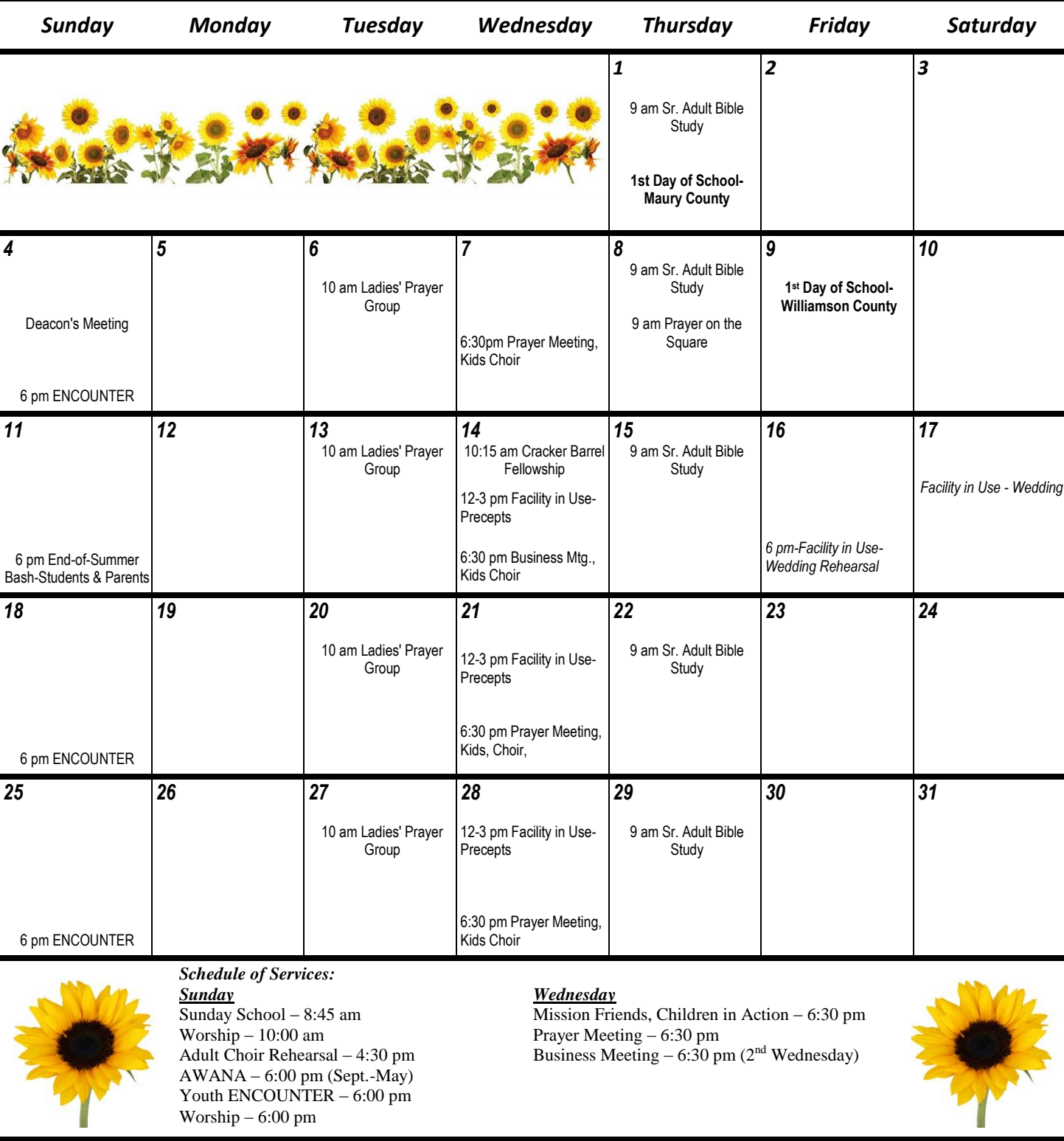
Pray Maury sponsors **Prayer on the Square** in front of the courthouse in Columbia the 2nd Thursday of each month at Noon. All in the community are invited to come to this time of prayer.

Remember that Online Giving is available through our website, as well as through the Free **Church Life** app, or by texting FBCSH to 73256. If you are a new member to FBCSH, give me a call so that we can get you set up with the Church Life app.

August 19-21, I will be out of the office attending the Getty Sing! Music Worship Conference in Nashville. This is my 2nd year to attend this conference and I'm looking forward to a wonderful time of worship, renewal, and learning. So, please be patient that week if the phones are not answered right away or you don't receive a reply to your email. Also, since it will be a short week, I will be working on bulletins one week early, so plan ahead if you have announcements.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

Paula, Ministry Assistant



Our Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, August 14,
10:15 am

Everyone is Welcome!
 (at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

English as a Second Language will no longer be offered at FBCSH. Beginning September 8, Classes will be held on Wednesday mornings and Sunday evenings at The Church at Station Hill. For more information, please contact Vicki Coons (vcoons@hotmail.com).

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Classes

GREETERS SCHEDULE

August 4: Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

August 11: David & Collin Lovely

August 18: Linda Bland & Tom Moore

August 25: Davis & Sharon Burkhalter



Sunday, August 11, 6 pm
For Students & Parents

There will be food, fun, and some competition. Make sure you wear something that can get wet and dirty. It is going to be a great way to end a great summer! Questions or need more info? See Josh Howland

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



Current High Needs Grocery List: Chicken Helper, boxes of stuffing, flavored pasta, canned tuna, grape jelly, bags of black beans & great northern beans, cereal, grits, breakfast bars, toaster pastries, syrup, spaghetti sauce, rotini pasta, bow tie pasta, shell pasta, jars of mayonnaise.

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

Let's keep filling the boxes to overflowing!!



Future Growth Funding

\$19,113.76 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$318,896.05 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

KidCentral News...



Schedule

Aug. 4: Barry & Cynthia
Huntzinger

Aug. 11: Ben & Gena
Barbre

Aug. 18: Adam & Crystal
Vaughn

Aug. 25: Peters Family



Childcare Available

Nursery Desk Schedule

Aug. 4: TBD

Aug. 11: Rusty Robinson

Aug. 18: Phillip Pullen

Aug. 25: TBD



AWANA starts back up in September! It is such a blessing to be able to lead children to Christ! We need people to help lead classes this year. If you want to have fun with these kiddos and help them learn about God's word we could use you! Just let Brent Johnson or Julie Crotzer know that you want to help! Thank you for being willing to serve!



We are preparing all year to fill shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child 2019**. Each month will have specific items needed and everyone can participate! The month of **August** we are asking for **School Supplies** – pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons, small manual pencil sharpener, pencil case, notebooks, blank index cards, solar-powered calculator, packaged scissors, ruler, protractor, glue sticks (NO LIQUID GLUE), small adhesive tape. Collection container is in the Sr. Ladies SS Classroom. 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.