

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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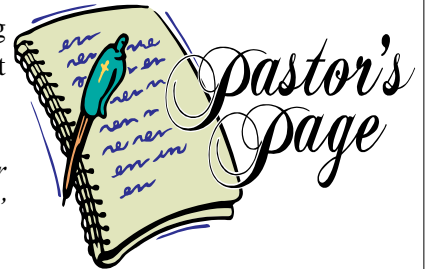
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I would like to share with you an encouraging message that I ran across from Ed Young, Jr. I hope that this will encourage you as it did me.

*"Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it."*  
(Romans 7:20)



*"Why do I do the things I don't want to do?" This may be a question you have asked yourself when struggling with sin. In reality, this is an age-old question that was asked by the Apostle Paul in Romans chapter 7. When we fall into sin, especially those repetitive sins, we often find ourselves catapulted into a self-incriminating pity party. We think to ourselves: "I'm such a loser. I'm so weak. I might as well give up. Why would anyone have anything to do with me?"*

*It all goes back to identity. Don't let sin trap you into feeling like a big loser. Sind says that, if you have trusted Christ as Savior, you have a new identity (Christ in you) and you are free from the indictment and control of sin in your life. Christ has made you complete through His life. This is the true identity that brings victory in our life.*

*So when temptation arises – perhaps through those past memories, bad habits, evil desires – you must say to yourself, "I can't do this, this is not who I am. I have a new identity now." We learn to defeat the struggle with sin when we recognize who we are. As a child of God, you no longer need sin to find fulfillment in life. Rather, Christ living in you wants to fulfill all your longing in His perfect love and in His perfect way.*

*Remember who you are. You are not a loser!*

Isn't that wonderful news, "You are not a loser!" And because that is true there is a place of service for you. The Nominating Committee is now working to secure new officers and teachers for the next church year. How will you respond when asked to take a place of service? If asked to assume a place of leadership, weigh the question prayerfully and answer as God leads. Say "Yes!" to the Nominating Committee; Say "Yes!" to the Lord.

*Bro J*

## Library News

### July – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

July is a great month to enjoy a grilled burger, catch a firefly, and travel; but it's always nice to come home. Take time to celebrate God's glorious creations and share this time with others.

God has given us many things to enjoy. He also honors our faith. All He asks is that we trust Him, that we have integrity, and faith and He will win the battle. We don't have to know all the answers to be blessed by God. He knows our faith.

Proverbs 10:9 *He who walks in integrity walks securely.*

Here are a few books from our Library

The Power of a Promise Kept by Gregg Lewis. In this book are true stories of a few individuals who put their promise keeping into action every day and have found hope, encouragement, and healing. The struggles are the same as yours. Join with these men and discover the fulfilling rewards of living a life of integrity and accountability.

Change Points by Joyce Landor. The point of this book is to inform us that in this life we'll be squeezed beyond belief by the octopus of change. The author hopes to explain some of our responses to change, to perhaps learn about coping with change, and lastly to check out the real needs versus the wants of our lives.

Enjoying Where You Are on the Way to Where You Are Going by Joyce Meyer. By applying the principles outlined in this book one will learn how to enjoy life, rid oneself of regret, experience the simplicity of life, find joy during times of waiting, and how to finish the course with joy.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

## July Birthdays

1	Cricket Sehr
	Curtis DeLozier
2	Eli Johnson
3	Lorraine Brown
5	Madison Bailey
6	Amanda Barley
7	Noah Sparkman
8	Joe Stephens
	Ann Callis
	Linda Poteete
12	Roy Poteete
	Dana Modena
16	Dean Ploen
17	Glenda White
	Elizabeth Mefferd
	Brandon Sparkman
18	Daniel Bartley
19	Kimberly Pullen
20	Marlene Jackson
	Jerry McLain
	Brenda Emery
23	Echan Groves
25	Allen Boshers
	Anita Wright
26	Ella Gallimore
28	Eva Ploen
31	Jenny Dudzinski



*Happy Birthday  
to You!*

## From the Church Office – Musings ...



### 10 Ways to Pray for the United States this Fourth of July

We are in the midst of the heat of summer, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is around the corner. Certainly we look forward to celebrating with family and friends by cooking out and enjoying fireworks together, but as Christ-followers, the freedom we enjoy as citizens of the US means even more. The freedom to worship and to assemble together is one we should hold sacred. As we approach this holiday, we can do more than just be thankful. As believers in a mighty God, we have the responsibility and privilege to bring the state of our country and its tremendous needs before the throne of Christ. The Bible is full of Scripture stating the power of prayer:

*"If my people who are called by name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14) "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)*

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7) "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12)*

Many of us agree that we need to be praying for our country, but we get overwhelmed with the needs and even a bit stuck as to what to pray about! Here are a few ideas:

1) Pray for our President and national leaders. 2) Pray for your Governor and state leaders. 3) Pray for your Mayor and local leaders. 4) Pray for unity in our country. 5) Pray for a spiritual awakening and that hearts would turn to Jesus. 6) Pray for protection and encouragement over pastors and their families. 7) Pray for Christian couples in our country to have healthy marriages. 8) Pray for law enforcement and first responders in our country. 9) Pray for teachers in the schools in our country. 10) Pray for our military for safety and wisdom.

If you can add this list to your daily prayers and simply rotate it every ten days, think of the impact on your daily awareness of the needs around you and the impact your prayers will make on our country as a whole. You will be praying for your community, your marriage, and your own spiritual awakening as well. By choosing to be focused and disciplined in prayer we are aligning our hearts with the Father's heart. **What will you choose to pray for today?** (by Rachel Ankers)

*Schedule of Services:*

Sunday

Worship – 10:00 am

Sunday School – 8:45 am

Adult Choir Rehearsal – 4:30 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 Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday) – 6:30 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  <i>No Evening Activities</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	 <i>Office Closed - No Church Activities</i>	<b>5</b> 9am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Lord's Supper in Morning Worship Deacons' Mtg. 6 pm Cool Kids!	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>11</b> 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6:30 pm Business Meeting	<b>12</b> 9am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 am FAITH Riders "Buddy Ride" Registration @ Columbia Harley Davidson
<b>15</b>  6 pm Cool Kids!	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>18</b>  6:30 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>19</b> 9am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  1 pm Sanctuary in Use-Recital
<b>22</b>  6 pm Cool Kids!	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>25</b>  6:30 pm Prayer Meeting	<b>26</b> 9am Sr. Adult Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> All-American Picnic following am Worship  5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday - No Evening Activities	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group				

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## Our Church in Action



**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, July 11,**  
**10:15 am**  
**Everyone is Welcome!**  
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

## KidCentral News...

**COOL KIDS 3.0!!!!**

Our expedition begins in the fellowship hall at 6:00 pm on Sunday nights



All explorers ages 3 (and potty trained) to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to dig into

**GOD'S AMAZING CREATION**  
(a study of Genesis 1 and 2)

July 8 – Day 2

July 15 – Day 3

July 22 – Day 4 \*\*come hungry

August 5 – Day 5

August 12 – Days 6 & 7

Questions? Email [fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com](mailto:fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com) or call Julie (629-201-1532) or Amy (901-486-6608)

**English as a Second Language will not meet during the summer. Classes will begin again on Wednesday, August 15, with a Welcome Party.**

More trained leaders are needed for this ministry. A training session will be offered on August 17-18 at The Church at Station Hill in Spring Hill. Cost for the training is \$10. Please contact Pat Springer ([patspr2@juno.com](mailto:patspr2@juno.com)) for more information.

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## God Bless America



**All-American Picnic**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, July 29**  
**following morning worship**

The church will furnish hamburgers, hotdogs, tea, and lemonade. Everyone is encouraged to bring cool side dishes, chips, desserts, etc. Don't miss this great time of fellowship and food. **There will be no evening church activities.**



### Precepts Bible Study - 1 & 2 Timothy

Cris Peters will be leading a Precepts Upon Precepts Bible Study class for ladies on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm hosted at FBCSH. Registration is now open until Aug. 8th so books can be purchased. Class begins Aug 29th. This is an inductive method of studying God's Word (homework each week). This year we are studying 1st and 2nd Timothy. Cost is \$35 for adults and includes books for both semesters. Please contact Cris to register or if you have questions (352-875-8789 or [crispeters72@gmail.com](mailto:crispeters72@gmail.com)).



**Future Growth Funding**  
\$12,141.35 in a Construction Acct.  
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
\$364,501.89 in a Building Fund  
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.



### July Children's Church Schedule

**July 1: Julie Crotzer & Misti Boshers**

**July 8: Tom & Linda Hagerty**

**July 15: Ben & Gena Barbre**

**July 22: Aaron & Amy Easton**

**July 29: No Children's Church**



### 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.