



First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

The Messenger

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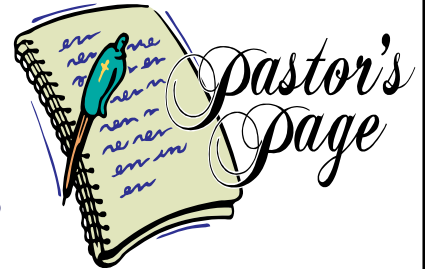
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Do you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in our services? I want to say, "Praise the Lord!" The Lord is indeed blessing our fellowship. I thank God for the new members that have already joined this church year and I am looking forward to those who will join. I believe if we remain faithful to God, He will continue to bless our efforts. Let us remain faithful to Him in all that we do.



We have had 14 membership additions in the last three months. We have baptized 5 people since December. That makes a total of 17 additions so far this church year. Jesus is still on the throne and still in the saving business. I pray March will be even better. It can be if each of us work and invite people to come. Will you commit to inviting five people to come with you to Sunday School and Worship? If each of us could just get one to come with us we would double our Sunday School and Worship attendance. But don't simply invite them; tell them about Jesus and what He has done in your life. Let them know that He can do the same thing in their lives. I guarantee you that you will be blessed for doing so.

We begin the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering emphasis on March 4th. Our church goal this year is \$2,200.00. Pray as you have never prayed before for our home missionaries and give so that they can reach as many people as possible. Be willing to be used of God to be a volunteer missionary.

Aaron Easton and I will be on a mission trip on March 4-10. The trip will be to Texas to help rebuild houses damaged by the hurricane. Please pray for our safety and that we accomplish a lot of work and help a lot of people while we are there.

Our Easter Egg hunt this year will take place on Saturday, March 24th. Please help us by bringing in candy for the eggs and also plastic eggs. This year, I have been informed that we can take chocolate candy. Also, please let Britany Luker know if you can help out. We need plenty of volunteers to help with this event!

Have I told you lately how blessed and thankful I am to be your pastor? I appreciate your love for each other and your devotion to Christ. Let's continue to work in all areas of our lives so that First Baptist will be the light in this community that we need to be.

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Church Library News

March Birthdays

March - Is God in Control of Your Life?

We are not sufficient to face life without God. Do we want to control our lives or do we want God to lead and control us? How do we put God in our plan for our lives? Everyday we ask God for guidance to live our lives His way. When we ask God everyday we have a sense of His presence and love.

Life is not always easy, but we can be assured that we are His and He is within us and loves us. Is life confusing? Absolutely, but with God we can let go and let Him

Here are a few books from our Library:

Drawing Closer by Glen Martin & Dian Ginter. This book is a step by step guide to intimacy with God. It's based upon God's attributes and how His character will allow you to trust Him in every area of your life. You will embark on a journey unlike any you have traveled and you will see that this book is the road to genuine joy and ultimate security.

Finding Peace by Charles Stanley. This book is God's promise of a life free from regret, anxiety, and fear.. Fear's opposite is faith. Knowing that your Creator is just inches away can empower you to practice faith instead of worry.

Power of the Cross by Tim LaHaye. Whether you're a longtime believer or someone who is searching, you're about to discover what you always wanted to know. Yes, God not only exists, but He's reaching the world today, one person at a time, transforming lives and empowering His children to live anew.

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



- 2 Monty Bland
- 3 Charlotte Robertson
- 4 Jarrett DeLozier
- 5 Faith Crawford
- 8 Aaron Easton
Laura Sparkman
Tissy Peters
- 9 Sylvia Hafner
J C Christian
- 10 Davis Burkhalter
Shavonnah Easterling
- 11 Christie Johnson
- 15 Clay Robinson
- 17 Emma Robinson
- 18 Dorothy Lawrence
Paulette Hart
Christy Ploen
- 19 Margaret Gray
- 22 Debbie Huntzinger
- 23 Byron Gallimore
Brandy Robinson
- 24 Clara Roman
- 26 Mike Welch
- 27 Adam Crotzer
- 28 Connor Hull
- 30 Benji Robinson
- 30 Josh Howland



*Happy Birthday
to You!*

The Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, March 14,
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

English as a Second Language
Classes
Every Wednesday, 6 pm

For more information or to volunteer in this ministry, please see Pat Springer.

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KidCentral News...

Children's Church Worker Schedule:

March 4: Brent & Christie Johnson
March 11: Adam & Crystal Vaught
March 18: Barry & Cynthia Huntzinger
March 25: Brooks & Mary Hester



AWANA Schedule

March 4: Crazy Sock Night
March 11: Regular Meeting
March 18: Verse-a-thon
March 25: Regular Meeting



Future Growth Funding
\$12,732.66 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$367,061.03 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

LOST AND FOUND! There are many items (several Bibles) on the table in the lobby that have been left lying around the church facility. These items are missing their owners. There are no names on the items. Some of the Bibles are Russian language. Please help them find their owners. Any items left on the table after **March 18** will be donated or disposed of.

Thank you for your help!!

More Opportunities for Ministry



100%
of your gifts to the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®
supports North American missionaries.

Church Goal: \$2,200.00

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million



Week of Prayer for North American Missions - March 4-10, 2018

Because You Give:

- ♦ \$10 a missionary can purchase gospel tracts to engage his community in Toronto.
- ♦ \$20 a North American missionary is able to buy lunch and build a relationship with her Muslim neighbor.
 - ♦ \$50 a Send City Missionary has a bus fare for a month to travel in an unreached area of his city.
 - ♦ \$150 a church plant's community group is resourced with Bibles, books, and other discipleship materials in Oregon.
 - ♦ \$400 a GenSend student missionary is able to spend time mentoring underprivileged children in the inner city.
- ♦ \$450 a Vancouver missionary can receive a semester of coaching from a church planting mentor.
 - ♦ \$500 a block party starts gospel conversations in a community in Maine.
 - ♦ \$1,100 a church planter is able to attend a two-day orientation training at the North American Mission Board.
- ♦ \$1,200 a North American missionary can pay half a month's rent for a New York apartment.
- ♦ \$2,000 a new children's ministry can be resourced with curriculum and equipment in Colorado.
 - ♦ \$2,400 a bi-vocational, church planting missionary can receive a seminary scholarship.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

GAME ON! VBS 2018



VBS is just around the corner (June 4-8) and director, Patty Welch is in need of our help. The sports theme for VBS requires sports themed decorations. Patty is looking for baseball, football, basketball, and soccer equipment that you would be willing to allow to be used as decorations. She would like jerseys from local school teams and Predators Hockey jerseys for display. All of the items would be returned to you—you are just loaning them to VBS. Please contact Patty (615-308-9114) to let her know how you can help!