

# First Baptist Church of Spring Hill

## The Messenger

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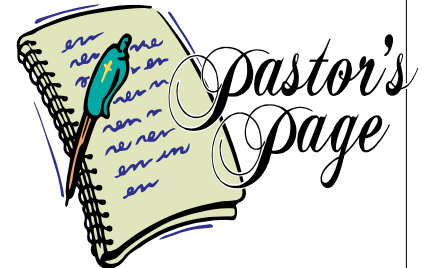
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As we enter into 2019, we need to proclaim the glorious good news about Jesus Christ. The early church gives us the example we should follow. In Acts 5:42 the Bible says, "Daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." What can we say about Him?



First, we must declare that He is a fact in history that cannot be denied. Skeptics and doubters try to dismiss Jesus by declaring He is just a myth. But the world's darkness cannot put out the light of Jesus. He is neither myth nor superstition, but fact. You can criticize the church. You can sneer at the individuals who claim to be Christian but don't act like it. But you cannot explain away Jesus. He is fact. He lived, died, and rose again from the dead. Those are facts and everyone has to decide what they are going to do with Him.

Second, Jesus is the sole foundation of the church. The greatest power and most magnificent achievements of the church have come when Christ is at the center. In every age the church's power is derived from its personal relationship with the living Lord. How we need to hear the words of our Lord, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Myself."

Finally, Jesus is the only hope of salvation. The message of the New Testament that has been repeated through the ages is that "there is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved." Jesus is the sinner's only Savior. We need to share Jesus with those around us.

My prayer for the New Year is that we would put Jesus first in our lives. We need to put Christ in the center of everything we do as a body of believers. We need to proclaim the marvelous name of our Lord to those who are without Christ as we go through 2019!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*Bro J*



## JANUARY – Happy New Year!

In a New Year, many of us want to drop old habits and start new, better ones. So let's start the New Year with putting our Almighty God first.

Take a few moments to look at your relationship with God. Our lives are busy and we don't even realize that we put God further and further down our list. It's a good time to realize our times with God are few and far between.

God wants His people to turn to Him, even when we feel we don't deserve His favor or forgiveness. So let's remember He comes first.

Zachariah 1:3 says, *Return to Me and I will return to you says the Lord Almighty.*

### Here are a couple of books from our Library...

Prayer by Philip Yancey. The author explores such questions as: Is God listening? Why should God care about me? Why do so many prayers go unanswered? Why does God let the world go on as it does and not intervene? Does prayer really help with physical healing? Does prayer change God or change me? How can I make prayer more satisfying?

Yancy backs his answers with insights into the importance God places on prayer and why we should value it.

God Came Near by Max Lucado. He is the one who can restore focus on your blurred vision, rekindle the fire of prayers gone cold, and steady your trembling faith. So take a closer look. You will be glad you did. For once you have caught a glimpse of His majesty; you will never be the same again.

Praying God blesses our congregation at First Baptist Church - Love in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

1	Rachel Hester
2	Jerry Price
4	Lily Crawford
	Olivia Crawford
6	Clara Rinehart
9	Dan LaRose
10	Jeff Hudspeth
	Pam Harmond
12	Gail Thomason
	Jay Marcum
13	Jessie Parker
20	Analise Albert
21	Ella Huntzinger
22	Michael Albert
23	Eddie Brawner
	Sarah Fischer
25	Rita DeLozier
	Cora Johnson
26	Jim Fultz
28	Ginny McGee

*Happy Birthday  
to You!*



## From the Church Office

### Happy New Year!

Reminders for ways to begin your new year:



The Church Life App is free and available from your smart phone App Store. This app puts the church directory at your fingertips – member addresses and phone numbers, as well as provides a way for you to make contributions to the church. Out of town, or forget your offering? No problem! You can take care of

that from the app.

Also, a reminder that anyone can give online at our web site, or for those who prefer using their smart phone, you may also give by texting **FBCSH to 73256** and follow the prompts.

**New Offering Envelopes are available for EVERYONE.** Please check the table in the lobby for your box – they are labeled. Using these numbered envelopes is a great time saver in the correct posting of your contribution.



If you do not have an assigned box, please let contact the church office know and one will be prepared for you.

2018 Contribution Statements will be available by Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about your statement, please call the office.


**Calendar Reminder:** If your class or organization plans an event or wants to use the facility for an extracurricular activity, please be sure to check with the office so that it may be placed on the calendar and we can be sure that the facility is available. There are already dates reserved months in advance and we want everyone to be informed of the activities and events at FBCSH.

Thank you for your gifts, kind words, and support. I am blessed to be part of your wonderful church and look forward to serving with you in the coming New Year.

Blessings...

*Paula*  
Ministry Assistant



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b>  <b>New Year's Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b> <b>No ESL Classes</b> 6:30pm Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>3</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  6:00pm Facility in Use- Cub Scouts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Deacon's Meeting  6 pm AWANA-Sports Night	<b>7</b> Facility in Use-Quartet Rehearsal (Vern Burdett)	<b>8</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>9</b> 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship  6 pm ESL Classes 6:30pm Business Mtg., Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>10</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  6:00pm Facility in Use- Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> Facility in Use-Homeschool 8 am-4 pm	<b>12</b> Facility in Use-Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
<b>13</b> 10 am Lord's Supper  6 pm Youth ENCOUNTER 6 pm AWANA-Glow Night	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>16</b> 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30pm Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>17</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  6:00pm Facility in Use- Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> Facility in Use-Homeschool 8 am-4 pm	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Sanctity of Human Life Sunday</b>  6 pm ENCOUNTER 6 pm AWANA Inside Out Night	<b>21</b> <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>22</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>23</b> 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>24</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  6:00pm Facility in Use- Cub Scouts-	<b>25</b> Facility in Use-Homeschool 8 am-4 pm  <div> <b>Youth Girls' Gathering</b>  <b>@ Youth House</b> </div>	<b>26</b> 10 am Fellowship Hall/Kitchen in use-State FAITH Riders Mtg.
<b>27</b> 6 pm ENCOUNTER 6 pm AWANA Grand Prix Night	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	<b>30</b> 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, Children in Action	<b>31</b> 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  6:00pm Facility in Use- Cub Scouts		

***Schedule of Services:***

**Sunday**

Sunday School – 8:45 am  
 Worship – 10:00 am  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal – 4:30 pm  
 AWANA – 6:00 pm (Sept.-May)  
 Youth ENCOUNTER – 6:00 pm  
 Worship – 6:00 pm

**Wednesday**

ESL Classes – 6:00 pm  
 Mission Friends & Children in Action – 6:30 pm  
 Prayer Meeting – 6:30 pm  
 Business Meeting – 6:30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)

# Our Church in Action



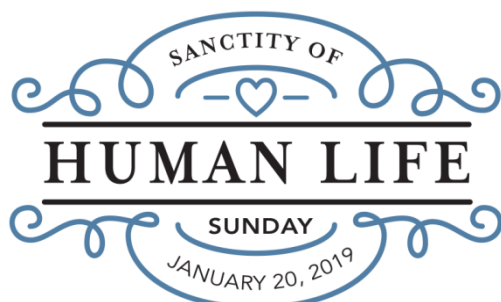
**Cracker Barrel Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, January 9,**  
**10:15 am**

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

**English as a Second Language**  
**Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**

More trained leaders are needed for this ministry. Please contact Pat Springer ([patspr2@juno.com](mailto:patspr2@juno.com)) for more information.

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**Classes**



On January 20<sup>th</sup> we will highlight National Sanctity of Life Sunday and kick off our Baby Bottle campaign for the life-affirming work of the Pregnancy Centers of Middle TN. Confirming the value of every life from conception to end of life, the National Sanctity of Life Sunday was first proclaimed by President Reagan in 1984 and reaffirmed by President Trump for 2019. Donations through the Baby Bottle campaign support the Pregnancy Centers' mission to support women in crisis pregnancies.



**A BIG**  
**THANK YOU!**

thanks to our precious children who colored pictures of Lottie Moon for display and decoration, and to Patty Welch for helping to plan this special fellowship.  
 God bless, Vivan Bowen, WMU director.

**Dear Church Family: LOTTIE MOON CAFÉ** thanks everyone for your support and contributing delicious Christmas cookies in honor of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. A special



**Future Growth Funding**  
 \$18,692.65 in a Construction Acct.  
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank  
 \$332,116.82 in a Building Fund  
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

## KidCentral News...



### Schedule

**January 6: Allen & Misti Boshers**

**January 13: Tom & Linda Hagerty**

**January 20: Julie Crotzer & Amy Johnson**

**January 27: Aaron & Amy Easton**

### Calendar:

**January 6: Sports Night**

**January 13: Glow Night**

**January 20: Inside Out Night**

**January 27: Grand Prix**



### 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.



### Changes in Youth Group Services

There will no longer be a youth group service on Wednesday nights. Beginning Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, we will have a new youth service called ENCOUNTER. We want our students to encounter God and when they do, it will change them forever. This will be a time of focused worship, Bible study, prayer, small groups, and accountability. Please encourage your student to come and to bring their friends. Our aim is not to steal students from other churches, but encourage our students to bring friends that don't have a service on Sunday nights. We want students to come and ENCOUNTER the Holy, Living God and grow closer to Him.



### Girls' Weekend Gathering, January 25-26

This is for all girls, grades 6 through 12 and will be at the Youth House. What to bring:

- A friend
- Pillow, sleeping bag / air mattress
- Bible
- Toiletries

Questions? Contact Amy Howland ([amyhowland10@gmail.com](mailto:amyhowland10@gmail.com) or 423-718-7196).