

# The NETWORK

## SILVER SPRINGS

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### From My Heart

**We are not far from turning the page on another year.** The church is not only carrying on needed, vital ministries right now, but we are also making plans for 2018. Please read carefully the "Preparing for 2018" article in another part of this *Network*.



**Another thing that we need to give attention to** in the last two months of 2017 is our current budget giving. I basically shared what I am sharing with you in writing at the end of the October 22 Sunday Celebration.

**We are not in a financial crisis at Silver Springs,** but we need to take a serious look at our individual giving. It is normal for churches not to reach budget giving, but I got to thinking, what if we did? We are currently over \$30,000 behind our budget requirements.

**If we caught up our budget giving, here is what it would do:**

1. We would give just shy of \$4,000 more through the Cooperative Program. That would go to our worldwide missionaries, our six seminaries, two Baptist universities in Tennessee, support both the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes and Adult Homes, a very busy ministering church, and our utility bills for our church operations, buy literature, allow us to do more ministries in our church and through our church, disaster relief ministry, church planting and church revitalization in Tennessee. I've mentioned all of what giving to our church does and I've just scratched the surface of what our giving does.
2. There is some talk about buying new chairs for our fellowship hall. I believe this is something that should be done. The conversation obviously went to "How will we pay for them?" Something of a creative approach has been tossed about, but if we were meeting our budget, we probably could just use "funds on hand" to take care of this.
3. As the Finance Committee is formulating the 2018 budget, it would encourage them if we finished at budget requirement instead of \$30,000-\$35,000 less.

**How can we make up this budget deficit?** I've thought about that too.

1. We could plead with those who tithe or more to give more. I'm not going to do that, but of course, those of us in this category can give more, but that is not what I'm thinking.
2. I am suggesting that everyone look at their check registries back to January. If we have missed giving to the ministries of the church when we have not attended, please make that up in the last two months? Always remember, the expenses of the church goes on whether you are here or not and for them to be available to you when you are here, someone must pay for them when you are not.
3. I am going to ask of you who do not give at least a tithe (10% of one's gross income) to do so in November and December. Probably some of us are in great financial messes and think, "I can't do that." I am not going to pressure you to do anything, however, I don't believe anyone gets into financial situations because of their giving to God's church. God never devised a method that would bankrupt people.

**Since we never have the same people at church from one Sunday to the next,** I could make this speech every Sunday of November or I could talk to all of you, one time, through my column. Ask God what He wants you to do, then do it.

Glad to be your pastor,

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**Sharing God's Word. Showing God's Love.**

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**Phillip Brunner, Worship Pastor**  
**Beverly Birdsong, Church/Financial Secretary**

## BUILDING FUND

New Building Fund Given (thru 12-31-16) .....	\$632,216.16
New Building Fund Given since January .....	\$1,855.00
Total Given .....	\$634,071.16

**New Building Fund balance as of September 30, 2017 .... \$607,080.55**  
 (This total includes deduction for expenses and additions from interest earned.)

## 2017 GIVING REPORT

Through October 22, 2017 (43 weeks)

Budget Goal .....	\$277,486.31
Budget Given .....	\$246,972.11
Difference .....	(\$30,514.20)
Budget Expenses (thru 9-30-17) .....	\$236,274.57



**Daylight Saving Time Ends**  
**November 5**

Set your clocks back one hour.

### Attention!

Regular Monthly Business Meeting Moved to Sunday night, November 19.

**Golden Offering**  
**for Tennessee Missions**

**Goal: \$2,000.00**  
**Given: \$1,700.00**

# Gathering Together for Worship

Church family, I'm continuing on with my series on healthy tensions of worship. As a brief review, healthy tension #1 is that God is both very far above us and yet always very near to us. Healthy tension #2, from last month - God desires our minds (truthful doctrine) and our hearts (loving devotion). We remember that Jesus said He is seeking those who worship Him in spirit and in truth.

**Healthy Tension #3:** Internal and External. Which is most important in worship? What's going on inside of us (thoughts, dreams, feelings, etc.) or what's going on outside of us (our physical expressions)? I hope we can all agree that what's going on inside is the most important thing as we come to worship. God looks upon the heart. Jesus rebuked those who praised him with their lips, but their hearts were far from him. But...

God also compels us over and over and over to worship Him with outward expressions. If you don't believe this, you need to be willing to throw the entire book of Psalms out of your Bible. There is something very important about our outward physical expressions in worship that matters to God.

Again, we find ourselves usually leaning one way or the other with this healthy tension. No doubt, with my few words, you may already have tension and anxiety welling up inside of you. And that's OK and good!

Here are a couple of truths on this matter:

1. People who are internally engaged in pure worship *can be* absolutely stoic with their outward expressions - and *still be worshipping*.
2. People who are externally engaged in worship *can be* absolutely faking it - and *not be worshipping*.
3. You and I can never accurately judge whether another person is truly worshipping or not. Only God can!
4. **God desires worshippers who are internally engaged first and foremost and who then allow that internal engagement to result in physical outward expressions.**

Here's the thing. God never intended for us to choose between internal and external! "God is worthy of our deepest, strongest, and purest affections. And our bodies should show it." (Bob Kauflin, *Worship Matters*)

Wives, if your husband told you every day that he loves you with the same exact inflection and tone in his voice and never actually *did anything* to show you his love, how long before you would begin to doubt his love? In fact, his love for you should be growing and result in increasing *demonstrations* of his affection!

How much more so for the Lord our God? God's love for us should stir up our love of Him so deeply that we can't help but allow natural, physical, biblical expression to occur. We as Baptists (let's be honest) tend to stifle outward expression because we fear a whole lot of things. Let us be unafraid worshippers who are concerned with both what's going on inside of us *and* what's going on outside of us as we worship. It's OK to wrap our arms around our heavenly Father as we worship Him because He comes first and wraps His arms around us.

You'll never hear me judge anyone's worship. I pray you don't judge me. Let us always spur one another on to pure biblical worship!

**Blessings,**  
*Pastor Phillip*  
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# project:JOY

#blessed

During this time of the year we see this and other popular # phrases all over social media. It's usually the caption for a pumpkin patch picture or a monologue about how great someone's life is. While there's nothing wrong with sharing those moments and thoughts, is #blessed truly how you feel or is it just a phrase to bring some attention? Often times (ok who am I kidding-MOST of the time) what we truly feel about ourselves, our everyday lives, or those around us is far from the #blessed we put out there for everyone to see. I'd guess something like #stressed, #exhausted, or #waytoobusy would probably be closer to the truth. Why is that? Why are we stressing ourselves out by scheduling every second of our lives with a lot of unimportant stuff? Is that #blessed feeling really attainable for women in 2017? The answer is a deafening YES! Ladies, we have a lot of responsibilities in this crazy thing called life. No matter what season of it we're in, a lot of people depend on us and because of that we often miss out on some actual #blessed moments that God has planned for us. So during this season of #grateful, #thankful, #blessed, let's slow down and actually give ourselves a chance to BE PRESENT in the moments instead of sharing them with hundreds people we don't even really know.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. for our annual Ladies' Thanksgiving event! We had 10 ladies show up on the Wednesday night classes were cancelled to help plan this event. It is going to be an awesome evening so keep an eye on the bulletin for details as they become available.



Operation Christmas Child is moving right along! Be sure to grab an ornament from the OCC tree in the side lobby or the OCC bulletin board in the educational building.

Speaking of Christmas...Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions will begin next month so please be in prayer now for how you can give.

*Jen*

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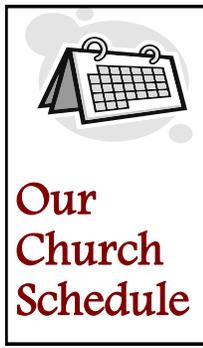


**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Praise Service  
*Kingdom Movers Children's Ministry*

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

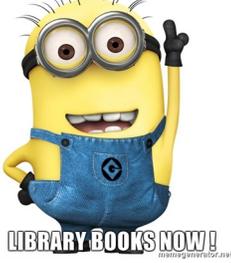
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Discipleship Training
- Nursery: birth-2 yrs.
- Mission Friends: 3 yrs.-K
- Children in Action (co-ed missions program grades 1-5)
- Youth *Fuel* Worship Service
- Special Friends Class



**November Calendar**

- 3 6:00 p.m. OCC Packing Box Party, SSBC
- 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends (Set your clocks back 1 hour.)
- 10 6:30 p.m. Adult 2 Sunday School Game Night (youth room)
- 14-15 Tennessee Baptist Convention, FBC, Hendersonville project:JOY 2017 Ladies Thanksgiving Event, SSBC
- 16 6:30 p.m. Silver Springers Thanksgiving Dinner, SSBC
- 18 1:00 p.m. Pastor Recites Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount*
- 19 10:00 a.m. Regular Monthly Business Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Thanksgiving Celebration (auditorium)
- 21 6:30 p.m. THANKSGIVING DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 23 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 24
- 26 2:00 p.m. WCBA Gospel Singing
- 6:00 p.m. Lord's Supper

PLEASE RETURN YOUR



Thanks  
*Amy*

**From the Library**

The library will be doing inventory November 13-30. If you have any books checked out, please return them by November 12.

**Ignite Kids Ministry**

**Operation Christmas Child Packing Box Party**  
**Ignite Kids Ministry**  
(2 yrs. - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**November 3 ♦ 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

A light dinner will be served. I can't wait to see you be a part of our Ignite Kids family.

*Allison Pierce*



**SSBC People in the News**

**Gail Burnette** was pictured in the paper along with former employees of Staggs Pharmacy having a time of reminiscing.

The **Denney children** and others were pictured in the *Lebanon Democrat* celebrating a successful fund raising effort for a trip to a special needs theme park in Texas.

**Note of Thanks**

I would like to thank Mr. Cummings and all the other guys that came and did some work at my home.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Gary Hughes for the dinners that she sent me. They were very good. **"Cookie" Lydia Bailey**

**Sympathy**

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to **Shirley Tramel** in the death of Pauline Harper; to **George Davis' family**, in his death; and to **Marie Morphis** in the death of Jim Morphis.



Wayne Bobbitt chairman of the Personnel Committee presents gifts of appreciation to **Harold Turner** Church Custodian from 2007-2017.

**Broken, but Useable**



**Sunday School**

As I was making a breakfast casserole one Sunday morning, I noticed an oddly shaped egg with a small crack in it. Nothing was leaking from it, but it didn't look like the others and I didn't want it to ruin my casserole so I decided to throw it away. That is when it slipped out of my hand and SPLAT! It made a huge mess for me to clean up in my kitchen floor. As I was cleaning up the gooey mess, I thought to myself, "I should have just left well enough alone! Now I am having to clean up a mess that I do not have time for!" The more I thought about it, the more I thought about how thankful I am that God does not look at us the same way! I am so thankful that just because we are different and live different lives, our God does not toss us to the side because we do not measure up. He is good because no matter how much we crack under the pressure that is around us daily, He continues to fill those cracks with His immeasurable love! No matter how big the mess is that we make, His love will continue to endure. How great is our GOD?!?! I challenge you to invite someone to Sunday School this month. Our God is too awesome to not share with others!

Fred VanHook presents  
**GOSPEL MUSIC FEST 2017**  
 Saturday, November 4 at 6:30 pm  
 Capitol Theatre, Lebanon, TN

West Main Street  
 Just off Public Square  
 Lebanon, Tennessee

- COMMONWEALTH QUARTET
- MICHAEL HELWIG WITH THE BLACKWOOD BROTHERS
- THE HARMONEERS
- IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR
- THE MASTERS FOUR

For more info call Fred @ 615-477-2984. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Group rate is 4 or more \$12.00 in advance. Seating is limited. Advance on sale at:  
 CENTURY 21 WEST MAIN REALTY & AUCTION 1104 West Main Street, Lebanon, TN  
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**Silver Springers'**  
**Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner**  
 November 18 ♦ 1:00 p.m.  
 Silver Springs Baptist Church

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Pastor Quotes**

**Sermon on the Mount**

**November 19 ♦ 10:00 a.m.**  
 Pastor's 8<sup>th</sup> annual recitation of  
**JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT**



**Phoebe Connections**

(Widows)

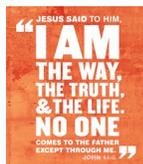
**November 11 ♦ 9:30 a.m.**

**Launchpoint Church**

337 West Baddour Parkway B, Lebanon

**Guest Speaker: Leonard Diebold, Joseph Storehouse**

Please bring men's and women's hygiene products for *Joseph's Storehouse*.



**Tennessee Baptist Convention**

**November 14-15**

**First Baptist Church, Hendersonville**

- You may come and go as you need to.
- You do not have to be a messenger to attend.
- For more information and to register as a guest, visit [www.tbcs Summit.org](http://www.tbcs Summit.org).
- **Sunday, November 12:** Worship with Fellow Baptist from across Tennessee. **(OUR EVENING SERVICE WILL BE DISMISSED.)**
- Schedule:
  - Those wishing to carpool from SSBC: **leave at 4:45 p.m.**
  - **Pre-worship-Tennessee Men's Chorale Concert: 5:30 p.m.** If you like choir worship music, you will not want to miss this concert by many Baptist Worship Pastors from across the state of Tennessee.
  - **Worship Service: 6:15 p.m.** Music and Preaching  
 Preaching: Bartholomew Orr, Pastor  
 Brown Missionary Baptist Church  
 South Haven, Mississippi
- **Monday, November 13** at 1:00 p.m. is the Pastor's Conference—filled with preaching and music, no business. You don't have to be a pastor to attend.
- Take a look at Leadership Breakout conference offerings.



**Operation Christmas Child**

**Drop off date: November 19**

*Operation Christmas Child* is in full swing at SSBC! Ornaments, with wish list items for the 100 BOXES we're trying to fill, can be found on the OCC TREE in the side lobby. Pick one (or more) up for your family today! All donations may be placed in the OCC Collection box. The last day

for donations is Wednesday, November 15. Be sure to share your family's experience on social media by using #ipackedashoebox!

If you prefer to give money, you may give a donation for shipping cost (\$9 per box). This can be given to Allison Pierce. Any checks should be made out to Samaritan's Purse with *Operation Christmas Child* on the memo line.

**Preparing for 2018**

**2018 Budget** - Budget Request forms are available this morning in both magazine racks. Any church member can make budget requests. Organizational leaders and committees are encouraged to work on their budgets as soon as possible. These are due no later than November 5.

**2018 Calendar** - Along with budgeting, submissions to our church calendar need to be made. Budgeting and calendar often go hand-in-hand. Any church member can make calendar submissions. Organizational leaders and committees are encouraged to work on their calendars as soon as possible.

**2018 Directory** - Please check your listing for any changes/updates that need to be made to your listing or if you know of changes/updates to other member's listings. Also, please contact the church office if you would like to add/change your picture on your listing.