

# The NETWORK

## SILVER SPRINGS

### BAPTIST CHURCH



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## From My Heart

Thank you for every remembrance of my birthday in February. While I don't expect any recognition, I appreciate your expressions of love and reminding me that I am getting old.



**Speaking of recognition**, I write this article one day after the news of the death of Evangelist Billy Graham. He was one who is greatly recognized as one of the most influential Christians of all times. Dr. Russell Moore says "Billy Graham was the most important evangelist since the Apostle Paul" (*The Tennessean*, 2-22-18). Even the secular press made his death a front page/breaking news event. Mr. Graham, as many in his organization referred to him, did not seek such recognition, but reflected well what recognition he received to the Lord Jesus.

**Our death may not be** press-stopping news, but may each of us live in such a way that those who know us admire us and respect us for our walk with the Lord Jesus.

Glad to be your pastor,

*Russ*

## Welcome New Member

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH THROUGH BAPTISM  
Riley Cummings

## Silver Springs Baptist Church

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

Russ Stephens, Pastor

John Shouse, Youth Pastor

Phillip Brunner, Worship Pastor

Beverly Birdsong, Church/Financial Secretary

## BUILDING FUND

New Building Fund Given (thru 12-31-17).....	\$634,411.16
New Building Fund Given since January .....	\$130.00
Total Given .....	\$634,541.16

**New Building Fund balance as of January 31, 2018 ..... \$618,033.39**

(This total includes deduction for expenses and additions from interest earned.)

## 2018 GIVING REPORT

Through February 18, 2018 (7 weeks)

Budget Goal.....	\$45,038.70
Budget Given .....	\$38,898.41
Difference .....	(\$6,140.29)
Budget Expenses (thru 1-31-18).....	\$21,994.83

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

**Goal: \$3,000.00**

**Given: \$30.00**

**Given last year: \$2,142.00**

**Most given ('16): \$3,319.00**

**NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million**



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## Gathering Together for Worship

Happy March SSBC! I'm taking a break this month from my series on the healthy tensions of worship because I want to make a sincere plea to all of us for the month of March leading up to Easter.

SSBC is joining with Mt. Olivet Baptist to lead a night of worship *Celebrating the Jesus Difference*. We'll be leading the service two times, the first being on Sunday night, March 25, 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Olivet. The second will be on Good Friday night, 7:00 p.m. here at SSBC. Here is my list of pleas to each of us:

1. Pray all through March for God's Holy Spirit to invade these special worship celebrations.
2. Pray for God to lay at least one lost person upon your heart to invite to one of these worship times.
3. Invite the person(s) God lays on your heart.
4. Plan to attend one, or better yet, both of these nights of worship. If you come to the first one, I guarantee you'll want to come back for the second.
5. When you come, worship with complete abandonment. Sing. Praise. Pray. With all your might for the glory of Jesus.

The cross has vertical and horizontal beams. We are praying that these nights of worship point directly "vertical" to Jesus our Savior who reigns supremely in heaven above. We are also praying that these nights of worship will "horizontally" encourage the gathered saints and testify to the lost among us of Jesus' great love, resulting in some trusting Jesus for the first time.

Set a daily reminder to pray. Mark the dates. Invite. And then also be ready to celebrate our risen Savior on Easter Sunday morning, April 1. I ain't foolin' either!

Thank you and many blessings upon you,  
*Pastor Phillip*

Celebrating

## the Jesus Difference

Palm Sunday  
Night of Worship  
March 25 ♦ 6:00 p.m.  
Mt. Olivet  
Baptist Church

Good Friday  
Night of Worship  
March 30 ♦ 7:00 p.m.  
Silver Springs  
Baptist Church



Come join us for  
**Fuel Worship Service**  
(students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) on  
**Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**



## From the Garage,

We are getting ready for youth camp and sign ups have started. We are also working on a couple of mission trips. Stay tuned and keep looking for sign ups.



## Sunday School

Last month we discussed the benefits of attending Sunday School. Let's review:

- It provides structure for teaching God's word.
- It gears Bible teaching to a specific age group.
- It is discipleship.
- It leads the church in prayer and relationships.



So now that you know the benefits, let's look at the ways you can help your Sunday School class:

- ☐ Ask your teacher how you can help him/her with meeting the needs of the class.
- ☐ Open your home to class goers. Set aside one or two Sundays a month to invite them to your home for lunch or go to dinner.
- ☐ Begin a prayer list for the people in your class and the circumstances they may be going through.
- ☐ Add to class discussions.
- ☐ Send out cards when someone has been out.
- ☐ Take time to listen and learn about your classmates. Arrive a little early or stay a little late to listen and talk to them. When you are willing to sacrifice time to talk to someone, it lets them know that you have a sincere interest in them.
- ☐ Plan a social to invite friends to, where they are in a less threatening situation.
- ☐ Encourage your teacher and let them know that you are praying for them. If you feel led to, volunteer to teach one Sunday if your teacher has to be away. Let them know that you have a vested interest in what they are doing for your spiritual growth.

*Eric & Katrina*



## 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



## March Calendar

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
9-10 5:30 p.m. TBMB YEC, Municipal Auditorium  
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins  
6:45 p.m. Regular Monthly Business Meeting  
12-15 9:00 a.m. WCBA Spring Break Children's Day Camp, FBC, Mt. Juliet  
16-17 TBMB WMU Missions Get-Together, Gatlinburg  
17 4:00 p.m. Silver Springs Potluck, SSBC  
18 project:JOY Retreat Balance Due-\$60  
25 6:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Night of Worship, Mt. Olivet  
30 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Night of Worship, SSBC

## For the record

### January

Sunday School .....	99	Undesignated .....	\$22,724.06
Morning Worship .....	112	Building Fund .....	\$95.00
Evening Worship .....	36	LM .....	\$1,080.00
Wednesday Evening .....	N/A	Joy Center .....	\$100.00
		In Memory of George Davis...	\$150.00
		Women's Ministry .....	\$60.00
		Gideons .....	\$480.00
		(\$415.00 of this was given directly to the Gideons.)	



## Sympathy

Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to **Wayne Bobbitt** in the death of his aunt; to **Glenda Britt** in the death of her mother; to **Shirley Tramel** in the death of her cousin; and to **Sue Denney** in the death of her father.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Brian & Jennifer Criswell** in the birth of their daughter, **Charlotte Addison Criswell**. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

## — invest in — ETERNAL IMPACT

Goal: \$5,000.00

Given: \$5,456.00

We exceeded our goal!!!

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## SSBC People in the News

Tennessee Tech University Fall Dean's List:  
**Cory Rogers, Courtney Bates, Sarah Strickland**

Banquet to honor outstanding teachers in Wilson County:  
**Brenda Blevins, Sam Houston Elementary School**

## Note of Thanks

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and flowers during the death of my sister.  
**Harold Turner**

Thank you to our church family for the prayers, calls, visits, cards, emails, texts, and delicious meals during my recovery from surgery. Don and I give thanks to the Lord for all of you, for you have truly blessed us.  
**Debby Ellis**

There is an old song that I love, the first two lines of which are, "What a fellowship, what a joy divine." Such was the spirit as I was privileged to bring the message at Silver Springs on the 14. Thank you so much for allowing me that blessing. My wife and I got to fellowship with many people we hadn't seen for a while, and that was really great.

Please know that the offering which was given to the Gideons in the amount of \$480.00 will be used in its entirety for the purchase and placement of God's Holy Word. Certainly we pray that lives will be touched, indeed changed for all eternity, because of that generous offering. On behalf of the West Wilson Camp and the Gideons International, thank you so much.

Please let me know if ever I can be of assistance to you through the Gideons. Thank you once again.  
**Mac Arvin**  
West Wilson Gideon Camp

## project:JOY

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God designed the "plans" for life. Yet, daily we veer away from HIS design, create our own plans, & then wonder why the ground beneath us is crumbling. The detailed blueprints of HIS plan are found in HIS word. God's specific promises are right there for us to see, meditate upon, consume, live out, & become the joy & delight of our hearts. Trusting God's promises are essential towards building a strong & lasting foundation.

*"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built."*

Luke 6:46-48 (NIV)

Don't you think it's time to review & inspect HIS design & seek the reassurance of your foundation? Our prayer is that each of us will be challenged to acknowledge GOD'S specific promises, and be deliberately determined to live out His plan in full confidence that our house will not be shaken!





## Daylight Saving Time Begins

**March 11**

Set your clocks forward one hour March 10.

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## Silver Springs Potluck

(Senior Adults)

**March 17 ♦ 4:00 p.m.**

**Silver Springs Baptist Church**



POTLUCK DINNER  
FOR SENIORS



**Stand FIRM**  
GALATIANS 5:1A

**MISSIONS  
GET-TOGETHER  
& CONNECTION**  
March 16-18, 2018  
Gatlinburg, TN

For more information or to register go to <http://www.tnbaptist.org/mgtcon2018> or contact Emily Traylor at 1-800-558-2090, ext. 2038.

## Eric Horner in Concert

**March 18 ♦ 6:00 p.m.**

**Silver Springs Baptist Church**

Invite a friend, neighbors, and relatives to come with you and enjoy some good Christian music.



# Empowered Discipleship

Practical Discipleship Training for the entire congregation,  
and especially Bible Study leaders.

**Thursday, March 22 - 6:00-8:30 PM  
at Immanuel Baptist Church**

In Partnership with Wilson County Baptist Association and the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Dinner is Optional (\$5.00 per person) - The Conference is FREE

### Schedule

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|---------------------|--|
| <b>5:00-6:00 PM</b> | <b>Dinner • LIFE Center</b><br>(Please call the church to make a reservation by March 20)<br>Cost: \$5 per person      |
| <b>6:00-6:40 PM</b> | <b>General Session • Sanctuary</b><br>Challenge: "Empowered to Make Disciples"<br>Randy Davis, TBMB Executive Director |
| <b>6:45-7:30 PM</b> | <b>Breakout Session One</b>  |
| <b>7:30-7:45 PM</b> | <b>Break with Refreshments</b>   |
| <b>7:45-8:30 PM</b> | <b>Breakout Session Two</b>  |

### Breakout Sessions

Two sessions for each age group Bible study teacher of  
Special Needs, Preschoolers, Children, Students, and Adults

1. Empowered Teaching: Improving your teaching methodology and preparation.
2. Empowered Classroom Management: Managing your teaching session.

#### Church Leaders:

1. Training Teachers: Train the teachers of your church with purpose and excellence.
2. Security for your Church: Why and how in a real church setting.

#### Church Members:

1. Prayer
2. Guests
3. Leadership
4. Mission avenues for your church
5. Evangelism: Three Circles
6. Understanding Roman Catholicism
7. Other relevant courses

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