

Springvale First Baptist Church

A place to grow in your
relationship
with Jesus Christ.

Come and see what the Lord has
in store for us.

Let us worship the Lord together!

The Messenger

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HE WAS BORN AND BROUGHT GREAT BLESSINGS INTO OUR LIVES. OPEN YOUR HEART THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON AND ACCEPT HIS GRACE AND LOVE.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS, KATHY FINK



Our focus for December's Foundations of Faith Series is the Son of God. If you can't attend church in person, you can catch up on the website at FbcSpringvale.org or on Facebook.



You may order Christmas Poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one. There is a sign-up sheet on the piano for you to sign. The cost is \$18.00 and that can be put in the offering box. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 8th.



Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday, December 24th, at 6:00. It will also be available on Facebook.

SENIOR VERSION OF "JESUS LOVES ME"

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

—author unknown



Submitted by Heather Draper



We are sorry to say, we had to cancel the cookie swap due to lack of interest.

Merry Christmas from your church family!

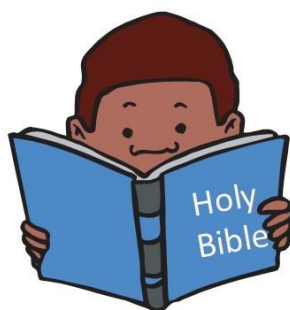


As promised last month I have the second and harder Find the Books of the Bible puzzle. Heather Draper submitted this one too! Enjoy!

BibleWise Books of the Bible Game

In the following paragraphs below see if you can find 25 books of the Bible. This exercise was given to us on a Holy Land tour. Have fun. “Mark” is in the first sentence.

In these remarks are hidden the names of 25 books of the Bible. Yes, there are some that are easy to spot; others are harder to judge. So we admit it usually results in lamentations when we can't find them. It is a lulu – kept me looking so hard for the facts that I missed the revelation. I was in a jam, especially since not all the names are capitalized, and space separates some of the letters. The truth will come to numbers of you; to others, it will be a real job; to all it will be a most fantastic search. One book is circled to help you get the idea. We offer some other hints. It helps if you are in a humming mood. One lady said she brews soup while she puzzles over it; another tries to hose a part of her lawn. She may try to josh u a little, too! My friend, Joe, looks for a her, man's best friend, but he has a pet ermine – not a dog. He also keeps alms under a doormat.

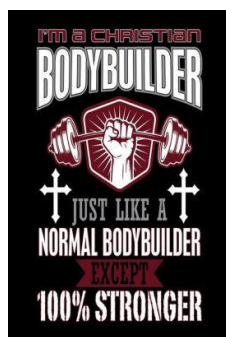


The weird ideas some have!

If you find all twenty-five in an hour, you're a real pro. Verbs are not as helpful as nouns. Begin by reviewing the books of the Bible. Then happy hunting! And remember that Jacob had the largest herd of cattle even larger than Abraham's. If you can't find all 25 at first, don't feel too bad. I ahem, didn't either. And there's another!

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The First Baptist Church of Sanford will be having a Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 7th 9:00 -3:00. Please try to keep this date open to support them!



Men, please note that Body Builders at Sanford First Baptist will be held on Saturday, December 14th due to the craft fair they are holding on December 7th.



Advent is a time of reflection and preparation. Our Christian holiday traditions point us to the birth of Jesus entering into this realm as an infant child who is the Christ our Messiah. We sing familiar hymns and carols as we light Advent candles each week in worship, joyfully proclaiming the Lord has come!

Our cultural traditions focus on giving gifts, decorating our homes with trees, wreaths, and, stockings while enjoying various food items that satisfy our bodily hunger. The tastes, smells, and sounds of the season are delightful!

All of these opportunities can lead us is a frenzy of activities and busyness. Before we know it, Christmas day is here! This Advent season I encourage you to schedule time every day to have conversations and fellowship with the Lord. Make time at least once a week to do so with family and/or friends.

Focus upon Jesus' calling in Matthew 11:28-30:

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Pastor Mike

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