

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## ARETE

Below is a blog from a fellow minister and friend, Gary Chapman. I am sure this will get you thinking.

I don't recall how or when I first stumbled across the Greek word "arête". Having never taken a Greek class in seminary and not being a Greek scholar, it was not a word I was familiar with or used at all. But the more I dug into the meaning and depth of the word, I began to grasp its connection to 21<sup>st</sup> century leaders and their ongoing development.

Allow me to explain. Over 2000 years ago, Greek thinkers such as Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, and Homer employed the term to challenge leaders of their own day. As I understand it, the word denotes the lifelong quest for excellence (in moral virtue and competence) and purposeful living. Viewed this way, *arête* holds incredible significance for me as a modern-day Christian leader. As a man gifted and called by God, will I convince myself that my leadership is about little more than "just getting by" and drawing the paycheck? Or is it really about comprehending and daily striving to realize my God-given potential?

Two words stood out as I dug deeper into the concept of *arête*. **Excellence** doesn't suggest that we actively pursue perfection. It simply implies a quality that represents my best, steadfastly refusing to opt for an easier or less demanding path. As my former pastor put it to me one time, excellence means we avoid cutting corners, even when we know we can. Seen this way *arête* has implications for godly virtue and integrity as well as excellence of effort. Scripturally speaking, we take to heart Paul's admonition that *whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. (Col 3:23)*

Mere mortals that we are, we will seldom if ever attain perfection, at least not on a consistent basis. As seen in Paul's words, though, excellence is expected. When we realize all we are now and ever will be is graciously given by God, how could we be satisfied to give only a token effort? Christians and especially Christian leaders should be eager and willing to give their best — at anything and everything!

I will provide you with the second half of the blog next month.

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



VBS  
Theme  
For  
2019  
"IN THE  
WILD"

### Our Motto:

#### Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!

Throw on your camera strap and buckle your seatbelt. VBS 2019 takes you on a wild adventure—with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles. As you seek out exotic animals, you'll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Kids go from bewildered to believing as they get In The Wild at this summer's VBS.

**Volunteers Needed:** Please see Rebecca Vernon and plan to attend the VBS Volunteer meeting on Sunday, March 31 after the morning worship service.

**Pray for VBS:** Please pray about serving on God's team and pray for the children that will be attending that we will plant a seed in their hearts.

**Pray for a successful week:** Our VBS will run from June 9-14, with Family Night being on June 14. pray that our week will be successful and we can lead children to Christ. Pray we will help the church to grow.

**Donations Needed:** We need stuffed animals like giraffes, tigers, bears, zebras, monkeys, polar bears, foxes, penguins, or any other animals from the wild. Blow up animals work too. We also need clean, dry gallon milk jugs. Items are needed by May 31. Please put your name on the items that you would like returned and keep a list of those items. We will be more than happy to return them to you after VBS is over.

Be on the lookout for VBS meeting dates, promotion day, and National Prayer Day.



## Prayer Room Ministry

January 2019

Cards Mailed Out: 57

Phone Calls Made: 11

Prayer Requests Received: 16

Prayers Prayed: 404

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 10 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 31 1/4

**Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777**

### Thank You Note

Thank You so much to ALL who shared baby items for the Pregnancy Center. What a blessing to be a part of a group of women who give so unselfishly to share with those in need. I prayed over these items and ask that God would touch the lives of these young women.

We had an overwhelming response. *Lana Martin*

**FBCC FOOD PANTRY ITEM  
FOR MARCH  
Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup  
(10-11 oz. can)**

**March Grace Network Food Item  
Peanut Butter (18 Oz. Jar)  
March Featured Items  
Dish & Laundry Detergent, Deodorant**

## January Report

Average Attendance	
Sunday School	161
Worship Service	147
Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	45,920
Monthly Offering Received	30,734
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income/Undesignated Memorials	370
Monthly Operating Expenses	27,198
Operating Account Balance	234,960
CD's & Savings Balance	59,480
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	8,420
Benevolence Designated Fund	596
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	9,228
Music Fund	195

*Detailed finance reports are available at the information stands located in the vestibule areas of the sanctuary, or you may call the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you.*

### In Sympathy:

Mary Frances Bower, aunt of Bobbie Joyce  
Ruby Ramsey, sister-in-law of Bessie Boylan and aunt of  
Neil Ramsey  
Maxine Stone, mother of Kathy Draper  
Bobby McGhee, cousin of Betsy Ivey  
Benny Powell, uncle of Al Powell and Mike Craddock

**Children's Ministry Council and Parents Meeting  
Sunday March 17  
12:00PM in the Lighthouse  
(after morning worship service)**

**Yuth Leaders and Teachers Meeting  
Sunday, March 10 @ 9:00am  
(Planning activities for the remainder of the year)**

**WMU Week of Prayer for  
North American Missions—March 3—9  
FBCC's Goal \$5,000.00  
2019—"Sending Hope"**

**College & Careers 4 Christ  
Monthly Meeting on 1st Thursday of each Month  
6:30 PM—Dinner, Devotions, and Interactive Games  
Bible Study 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays  
7:30pm(Lighthouse)**



**Sunday School Breakfast  
Sunday, April 7—8:30am**

**4Mfor Him Men's Ministry** will be cooking and serving Sausage, Eggs, Grits, Gravy and Biscuits from **8:30am to 9:15am** in the Social Hall. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and good time of fellowship before Sunday School starts at 9:45am. It's a great time to invite someone to Sunday School.



**Henry County Baptist Association  
RACEWAY MINISTRIES  
STP 500 Race**

**Martinsville Speedway—March 24th**

Our Raceway Team is asking for donations of individually wrapped snacks to be given away to fans that come to our tent to attend the worship services. Just drop them off at the HCBA office any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday by March 20.

Also, if you would like to help out at the tent, call Sharon at the HCBA office for more information.

## SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

We had a very cold, rainy and snowy winter season with several weeks to go before spring arrives on March 20<sup>th</sup>. There are signs of spring throughout the area, crocuses, daffodils and jonquils are appearing above the ground with buds of purple, white and yellow colors. Our God is awesome!

Activities planned for senior adults for the month of March include:

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>** - We will continue to participate in BINGO at the YMCA in Collinsville from 12:00 noon till 1:45pm.

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** - We plan to go to Reynolds Homestead to hear Carson Peters and Iron Mountain Band. They entertain audiences by performing old-time bluegrass and gospel music. Cost of a ticket is \$8.00. We will leave church following the Sunday morning worship and eat lunch at the airport restaurant. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the office.

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** - Friendship Club will resume meeting on the second Tuesday of each month through June. Our program will be presented by Doug Stegall. We enjoyed his first presentation and look forward to this one. Our meeting starts at 10:30 A.M. with a business meeting and guest speaker followed by lunch. Our lunches are \$3.00 which is an excellent price for a home cooked meal. Please join us and bring a friend.

If you know of a place to visit for a day or just for lunch, please let us know.

*Doris Walker & Charlotte Albert, Senior Adult Co-Coordinators*

### **Sunday School Training Class**

**with Tony Brooks**

**Saturday, April 27th**

**9:00-11:00AM**

**Starling Avenue Baptist Church**

**Sign-Up Sheet Posted**

(Sign-Up Deadline is Sunday, April 14th)



### **Ladies Card Ministry**

Monday, March 25 @ 1:00pm

Making Anniversary & Birthday Cards

### **MARCH NURSERY WORKERS**

- 03 Becky Crotty, Nancy Edwards (B)  
Leslie Houston, Lana Martin P/S)
  - 10 Judy Dodson, Lisa West (B)  
Katrell Ramsey, Susan Wagoner and  
Rachel Wood (P/S)
  - 17 Angie Alley, Joyce Pace (B)  
Rebecca & Cindy Vernon and  
Daniel Craven (P/S)
  - 24 Sandy and Taylor Jo Gary (B)  
Suzanne Terry, Marille Espana (P/S)
  - 31 Peggy Delancey, Susie Baldwin (B)  
Jennifer and Kellie Powell and  
Savannah McBride (P/S)
- (B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool

### **WMU MISSION ACTION**

**Attention WMU Groups:** The Mission Action for March is the Hairston Home Bingo/Birthday Bash! We are in need of quarters once again for B-I-N-G-O. The refreshments will be taken care of and I will make bags of jewelry and toiletries for the ladies and bags of socks and gloves for the men. We have some socks on hand but could use gloves. We have an abundance of jewelry for the ladies thanks to Brenda Lemons.

Once again, Blessings to you all, *Lana Martin*

### **Book of the Month**

#### **All Abuzz at the Honey Bee**

By: Nancy Mehl



Several Banks in Sugarcreek have been burglarized, and the local authorities can't catch the thieves. Also, someone is entering the Honey Bee Café' after hours, never takes anything, making the local people think the cafe' is haunted.

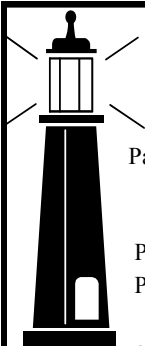
This book is part of the Sugar Creek Amish Mysteries. It is put out by Guidepost Publishing. Each book is written by different writers.

### **Looking Ahead:**

- March 29: Children's Ministry Wild Nerf Ball @ 5:30pm**
- April 06: 4MForHim Men's Breakfast @ Mackies @ 8:00am**
- April 07: Sunday School Breakfast**
- April 09: Friendship Club Meeting**
- April 14: Palm Sunday (Communion Sunday)**
- April 20: Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00am**
- April 21: Easter Sunday with Sunrise Service @ 6:30am;**  
**Sunday School 9:45am; Worship Service 11:00am**
- April 24: Quarterly Business Meeting**
- April 27: Sunday School Training/Starling Avenue B. Church**



**Sunday, March 10**



**First Baptist Church**  
3339 Virginia Ave.  
Collinsville, VA 24078

Pastor: Rev. Larry Cheek  
pastorlarrycheek@centurylink.net

Phone: 276-647-3774 Fax: 276-647-3775  
Prayer Room Ministry: 647-3777

e-mail address: fbccollinsville@centurylink.net  
web site: www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org

Prayer Time (Prayer Room)	9:30-9:40 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 am
Children's Church	
Wednesday Evening Activities:	
Children's Choir Practice K thru 6th grade	5:30 pm
Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
RA's & GA's	6:30 pm
Yuth Phe-nom-e-non/Middle School	6:33 pm
Mission Friends	6:45 pm
Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Permit No. 5

Return Service  
Requested

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### March Birthdays

01 Pat Cobb	21 Katie Houston
02 Jay Knighton	21 Calla Mayberry
03 Gunnar Robertson	22 Jimmy Anderson
03 Jase Ramsey	22 Joshua Coleman
05 Charles Fickling	24 Jason Collins
05 Molly Shelton	25 Brenda Hagood
05 Jose Cedillo	27 Judy Dodson
05 LeeAnna Ferguson	27 Christina Decker
05 Eli Martin	28 Megan Chilton
06 Susan Rorrer	29 Hunter Whitlow
07 Catherine H. Privette	29 Blayke Collins
07 Joyce Jacobs	30 Dale McGhee
07 Jennifer P. Judy	30 Harold Nofsinger
09 Stacy Craven	30 Ralph Shropshire
09 Kellie Powell	30 Ellen Prato
10 Eva Oliver	30 Heather Chitwood
12 Neil Ramsey	30 Noah Dotson
13 John Anthony, IV	31 Melvin Newsome
15 Carlos Cedillo	
15 Madison Ferguson	
16 Lucas Draper	
17 Timothy Hatchett	
15 Darlene Gamble	
20 Merlene Beale	
20 Ashley Anthony	

### April Birthdays

01 Marietta Gunter
02 Pam Albanese
03 Debbie Hancock
05 Ashleigh Breath
06 Sharon Barrow

### March Anniversaries

01 Arthur & Marci Emberson
01 Ken & Becky Wagoner
04 Tommy & Jennifer Nance
05 Tim & Michelle Pace
06 Thomas & Frances Arrington
07 Michael & Rebecca Vernon
11 Larry & Jan Cheek
15 Tim & Pat Gauldin
16 George & Ruth Brown
19 Greg & Shirley Craven
29 Tim & Sandy Gary

### April Anniversaries

01 John & Sherry Flanagan
02 David & Melanie Catron
03 Rudy & Barb Kobelia
07 Harold & Gerry Nofsinger.
08 Jamie & Denise Collins
09 Jason & Paige Collins
18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix
24 Alex & Angie Alley
25 J. D. & Joan Collins

## **Henry County Baptist Association WMU ANNUAL MEETING**

The meeting will be held at Oak Level Baptist Church, co-hosted with New Vision Baptist Church on **Tuesday, April 9th**  
Refreshments at 5:15 PM

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Roberta Damon**  
*All Women are invited!*



**March 10: 9:00am**—Yuth Leaders and Teachers Meeting: Planning activities for the remainder of the year.

**April 12:** Graduate pictures due to Kim for Graduate Sunday

**April 13:** Scavenger Hunt and Escape Room at Valley View Mall

**May 05:** Clean Up/Movie night in the Lighthouse

**May 19:** Graduate Sunday