

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## Look Inside

The other day I came by a home located in my neighborhood. The homeowners had just cut down a beautiful oak tree in their front yard. It was tall, with long limbs stretching out in all directions. The limbs provided shade in the hottest days of the summer and a safe place for birds and squirrels to nest. In the fall season those leaves would have changed to shades of red, yellow, and orange, adding wonderful color to the upcoming holiday season. Upon seeing the downed tree, my first thought was, 'What a waste!' But as I passed by, I could see that the inner part of the tree was hollow. Something had rotted away the core of the tree. This had made the tree susceptible to strong winds during summer storms and heavy ice during winter weather. Had the homeowners not cut the tree down it could have fallen over and destroyed their home, their car, or even injured one of them.

In regards to a tree, it would be safe to say that what is inside is very important. But the same can be said of a human as well. Most likely you have seen someone who looked like the picture of health, only to discover they were battling some form of cancer. As with our health, what is inside a person, spiritually speaking, is just as important. On one occasion, Jesus told the Pharisees they were *"like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity"* (Mt. 23:27, NLT). Jesus did not necessarily have a problem with their actions—He took issue with their attitudes. They were okay so far as religion went, but they had no relationship with the LORD. The Pharisees should have taken a good, long look at their hearts. Today, we should do the same thing. Make sure nothing is eating away in the hidden places of your being. If you discover something is wrong fix it before it goes too far.

Blessings in Christ.

*Pastor Larry*



## Community

### Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, November 24 @ 6:00 PM**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**Collinsville, VA**



## Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

A reminder--just one more week (1) to collect items for the Samaritan's

Purse shoeboxes. Find those gifts that will make a wonderful Christmas gift for a child that may have never received a present. Think of the joy they will have opening a gift just for them. That notebook, pencil, bar of soap, washcloth, crayons, stuffed animal or other special present may be a forever memory. Don't forget the child also receives the Gospel Message with each shoebox. Think of the life changing effect that will have on the child--for eternity. Please pray for the children receiving the boxes and then prepare as many boxes as you can. On the average, for every 11 shoeboxes a child makes a profession of faith. Think about your effort to win the lost to Christ.

From the centers, the boxes will be sent to children all over the world. What joy they will experience and what greater gift they will receive by way of the Gospel being shared with each child. **Please bring your boxes back to church by the Nov. 15th deadline.** The men with Brotherhood have agreed to transport the boxes to the collection center. Thank you in advance to each person who has helped pack the boxes and thanks to the men who will transport the boxes. Working together we can have a ministry to children all over the world. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. May God richly bless you in your continued ministry.



## Prayer Room Ministry

SEPTEMBER, 2019

Cards Mailed Out:	62
Phone Calls Made:	20
Prayer Requests Received:	18
Prayers Prayed:	334
Total # of Volunteers Serving:	8 (active)
Total Volunteer Hours Given:	35

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

## FBCC FOOD PANTRY ITEM FOR NOVEMBER

Bath Soap or  
Toilet Tissue

## November Grace Network Food Item

*Peanut Butter (18 oz.)*

### November Featured Items

*Bath Soap, Toilet Paper & Toothpaste*

## NOTICE

The Children's Ministry has developed a monthly newsletter, **TNT Teaching and Training Kids that Rock for Jesus!** We have added this to the church's website. If you would like to view this, go to our website at [www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org](http://www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org) and click on the resource tab, then choose the Children's Ministry Newsletter to download.

## September Report

Average Attendance	
Sunday School	154
Worship Service	150
Monthly Offering needed	57,785
(5 Sundays)	
Monthly Offering Received	35,910
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income/Undesignated Memorials	125
Monthly Operating Expenses	38,654
Non Budgeted Expense (Laser Projectors)	15,176
Operating Account Balance	204,448
CD's & Savings Balance	59,480
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	11,362
Benevolence Designated Fund	567
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	10,733
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:

Sunshine Hudson, aunt of Marci Emberson  
 James Maxwell Anthony, brother of Doug Anthony  
**Evelyn France**, sister of Phyllis Prillaman  
 Kathy Vernon, daughter of Nancy Stone and step-mother of  
     Rebecca Vernon and Michael Vernon  
 Virginia Lee Prillaman Price, sister-in-law of Barbara Prillaman  
**Albert Lawrence**, member of FBCC, friend of many  
 Harry Wade, brother-in-law of Tommy & Yvonne Harris  
 Kent Cox, brother of Brenda Hagood

## Children Helping With the Food Pantry:



We are asking the children of the church to help our church's pantry for the month of November by bringing canned goods. As we are approaching the holiday season and the need for food increases, we encourage our children to bring canned goods each Sunday. We will have a contest of boys vs. girls to see who can "stock the shelves." We will start on Nov. 3rd and continue through Nov. 17th.



*Hanging of the Greens*  
*Sunday, December 01*  
 6:00pm FBCC Sanctuary

*Breakfast with Santa*  
*Saturday, December 14*  
 9:00 am FBCC Social Hall



*Children's Choir*  
*Christmas Program*  
*Wednesday, December 18*  
 6:45 pm FBCC Sanctuary

*Adult Choir*  
*Christmas Program*  
*Sunday, December 22*  
 11:00 am FBCC Sanctuary



## Calendar Highlight

**November 06:** Quarterly Business Meeting  
**November 10:** Veterans Sunday  
**November 12:** Friendship Club Meeting  
**November 13:** 2020 Budget Discussion  
**November 14:** CC4C Monthly Meeting  
**November 15:** Cut-off date for Shoeboxes  
**November 17:** Vote on 2020 Budget  
**November 24:** Community Thanksgiving Service @ First Presbyterian Church, Collinsville  
**November 28:** Thanksgiving Day  
**November 28 & 29:** Church Office Closed

## Senior Adult Happenings

Tuesday, November 5: BINGO at Collinsville YMCA @ 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, November 12: Friendship Club Meeting @ 10:30am

Tuesday, November 19: BINGO at Collinsville YMCA @ 12:00 Noon

Thursday, November 21: Hamricks in Roanoke (Sign up sheet posted on the Bulletin Board)

## HELP NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to stay in the Nursery during morning worship service.

If you can help with this, please call Angela Hatchett at 540-576-1717 or call the church office at 647-3774 and we will contact her.

## Children's Choir

Thank you to the fourteen young people who participated in "Down By the Creek Bank." All of you worked very hard on your parts and I was very proud of you the night you performed the musical.



For our Christmas songs, we will need to continue to practice on Wednesday nights 5:15-6:00. We will plan to perform our Christmas Play and songs on Wednesday, December 18. If you would like to sing with us, now would be a great time to join us. See you Wednesday night!

## NOVEMBER NURSERY WORKERS

- 03 Becky Crotty, Nancy Edwards (B)  
Leslie Houston, Melanie Eggleston (P/S)  
10 Judy Dodson, Yvonne Harris (B)  
Katrell Ramsey, Susan Wagoner (P/S)  
17 Angie Alley, Lana Martin (B)  
Rebecca & Cindy Vernon & Daniel Craven (P/S)  
24 Sandy & Taylor Jo Gary (B)  
Suzanne Terry, Marille Espana (P/S)  
(B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool

## College & Careers For Christ



Thurs., Nov. 14

6:30—9:30pm

(Social Hall, Light House, Picnic Shelter)

This is a night reserved for college students to eat, fellowship, release some pressure and just unwind and take in God's word.

## Attention WMU Members!



The Mission Action for November is the College Exam Bags. Everyone should have their college students name and addresses. If you need help please see me or call 224-6315. God Bless you for your generosity.

We collected \$425.00 for God's Pit Crew.

God Bless you all for your desire to serve our community.  
Lana Martin

## Budget Meetings for 2020

There will be a business meeting on **November 13, 2019** at 6:45 pm in the SonShine room to discuss the 2020 Proposed Budget. The budget will be voted on during the 11:00 am service on **Sunday, November 17, 2019.**

## Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

Annual Celebration Banquet

Monday, November 18th

6:00-8:00 PM

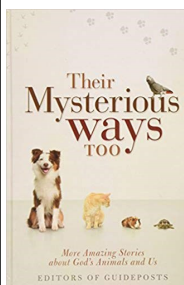
First Baptist Church Martinsville

Single Tickets are \$15.00 Reserving a table of six is \$90, and a table of eight is \$120.00

Please RSVP by Friday, November 8

This would be good opportunity to become familiar with this Ministry. There will be testimonies from former inmates, a word from a facility representative, and a vision for moving forward in ministry.

## Book of the Month

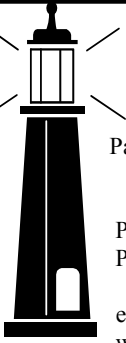


## Their Mysterious Ways Too

More Amazing Stories about God's Animals and Us

Editors of Guidepost

Check it out in the church library



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Prayer Time (Prayer Room)	9:30-9:40 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 am
Children's Church	
Awana	5:00 pm
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**

**November Birthdays**

- 01 Greg Craven
- 01 Adam Pace
- 02 Matt O'Dell
- 02 Samuel Vernon
- 03 Ray Parcell
- 03 Stacy Fontaine
- 03 Samantha Martin
- 06 Susan Wagoner
- 05 Kaitlin Haskins
- 06 Judy Anthony
- 07 Pat Davidson
- 07 Carter Breath
- 08 Genevieve Stone
- 10 Zoie Pace
- 10 Summer Shelton
- 11 Perry Tilley
- 11 Sandy O'Dell
- 12 Sherryl Anderson
- 13 Ta'meil Foddrell
- 14 Tonia Patterson
- 14 Hannah Goad
- 15 Ken Wagoner
- 16 Michaela Garrett
- 16 Emily Whitlow
- 17 Rosa Foley
- 17 Sherrie Setliff
- 17 Parker Pinnix
- 18 Charlotte Albert
- 18 Bill Boylan
- 18 Lois Radford
- 18 Dottie Turner
- 18 Nettie Webb
- 18 Daniel Craven
- 19 Joe Haskins
- 19 Erick Rodies
- 19 Hannah Piccolo
- 21 Keith Oliver
- 21 Catherine Kallam
- 21 Mark Ivey, Jr.
- 21 Susie Baldwin
- 22 Bill Joyce
- 22 Paul Gusler
- 24 Kit Scott
- 24 Tylar Martin
- 25 Brenda Carter
- 25 Linda Newsome
- 25 Ben Dawson
- 26 Sheree Gillispie
- 27 Carol Gentry

- 28 Sandra Zanfini
- 30 Kristen Weaver
- 30 Louise Mullins
- 30 Daphne Stone
- 30 C. B. Mullins, Jr.

**December Birthdays**

- 01 Joe Johnson
- 02 Melody Oliver
- 03 Yvonne Harris
- 04 Kevin Shropshire
- 05 Sarah Scott
- 06 Paige Collins

**November Anniversaries**

- 06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter
- 14 Chris & Sara Roetken
- 19 Mike & Dana Pennington
- 21 Neil & Sheila Ramsey
- 22 Brian & Laura Whitlow
- 25 Danny & Betty Pagans
- 27 Bill & Bessie Boylan
- 27 Bill & Temple Mays
- 28 Brandon & Ashley Martin

**December Anniversaries**

- 05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman
- 12 Kevin & Amanda Harter
- 13 Jose & Karen Castro
- 14 Tommy & Yvonne Harris
- 15 John & Terri Anthony
- 19 Mark & Betsy Ivey
- 22 Eddie & Becky Conner
- 23 Keith & Melody Oliver
- 23 Sammy & Bonnie Shelton
- 23 Jeff & Dee Web
- 28 George Collins & Lisa West
- 231 Ray & Lisa Rivera



Come join us for small group  
Bible time, large group time,  
games, prizes and more at Awana

**Sundays 5:00—6:30 pm**  
**Ages 2 years—6th grade**  
**FBCC Social Hall**