

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



This month's article comes from a blog that I receive each week. Since we have been dealing with the pandemic these last five months, I thought this might encourage you. For the sake of time and space, I have taken the liberty to edit the blog. Enjoy.

## Your Crisis Stories

by Craig Etheredge

(June 30, 2020)

Jesus can use our greatest weakness as our greatest witness. As we think back over our lives, we find many stories — outside of our salvation — where Jesus met our need or ministered to us in a special way. Usually these stories are wrapped around some crisis or problem we have experienced. These stories can also be very effective in pointing people to Jesus.

There was a young man who was born blind and sat at the temple area every day begging for change. One day, Jesus passed by and had compassion on this man. He covered his eyes with mud and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The man washed his eyes, and immediately he could see!

This miracle set off a buzz of excitement. Everyone was talking about his healing. Unfortunately, the religious leaders weren't as excited. Jesus had healed this man on the Sabbath, which according to their tradition was against the law. They brought the man into the synagogue and interrogated him. They even brought in his parents to corroborate his story that he was born blind. At one point, as they were asking him how this miracle took place and if Jesus had sinned for healing on the Sabbath, the young man simply replied, **"Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see,"** (John 9.25 ESV). This man wasn't interested in deep debates. All he knew was that he was born blind and now he could see. This crisis of blindness in his life was actually a platform for this man to talk about Jesus.

We all have stories like this. We have faced times of crisis or trial and found Jesus was able to carry us, and even use it for good in our lives. I call these our "crisis stories." You have your salvation testimony, but you also need to have stories that happened after your salvation where you experienced God's power in a special way. Those stories can be very effective to point people to Jesus.

I've heard it said, "Your misery is your ministry," or, "Your pain is your platform." As you talk honestly about the pains in your life and how Jesus has brought good out of them, they become powerful stories of grace and healing that draw people to Jesus.

## Alma Hunt 2020

### Offering for Virginia Missions

*"Meeting Real Needs in Real Time"*

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions will look different in the coming year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic.

This annual state missions offering is a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMVA) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

As always, this critical offering seeks to meet real needs of real people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. For the rest of 2020 and looking toward 2021, the allocations of this offering are being redirected in a way that will allow us to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis.

#### Changes in Distribution

The state Missions offering will be distributed as follows:

- 70% of funds to WMUV-directed projects
- 30% of funds to BGVA-directed projects.
- All projects have a direct correlation to COVID-19 relief efforts
- Funds will be distributed monthly and will begin in Summer 2020 in order to respond more quickly to immediate needs.

Because of the time sensitive nature of many of these critical needs and the plan to distribute funds monthly, we ask that you consider sending your offerings as early as possible this year.



## Prayer Room Ministry

# Prayer Room Phone Number

## 647-3777

### Getting the Word Out There

We are trying to make sure each and every one gets the opportunity to hear Pastor Larry's message each week. We are going to put his message on a CD so if you do not have internet you can still be included. We need you to contact the church office by calling 647-3774 to let us know you want a copy of the CD and we will try to have extra copies available for you. (You will have to have a CD player to hear this).

We will continue to try to keep the Prayer List updated as things change. We will be sending the prayer list as an email each week on Wednesday. **If you do not have email and would like a copy mailed to you, please call the church office and let us know.** So, as you review the prayer list if you see someone on it that has improved and can be removed please let us know. Also if you know of someone who needs to be added to the list, please let us know (647-3774).

### Ladies Card Ministry Meeting



**Monday, August 31**

**12:00pm**

**SonShine Classroom**

### Financial Report

*Complete Reports will be available when the Finance Committee is able to resume meeting.*

### In Sympathy:

**Louise Mullins**, mother of C. B. and Tim Mullins  
**Bessie Boylan**, wife of Bill Boylan, mother of Richard, David and Tim Ramsey, (last Charter Member of FBCC and Trustee of FBCC)  
**Dorothy "Dot" Jones**, mother of Rhonda Casey and Diane Scarce and grandmother of Jay Knighton



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Jose and Karen Castro on the birth of their son, Landon Alexander Castro. Little Landon was born on Friday, July 24. He weighed 7 lbs. 8.3ozs. and was 20 1/2" long. Landon has two big brothers; Noah and Gunter. His grandmother is Marietta Gunter.

### New Contact Information

Ann Mayo cell no. 276-233-3849  
c/o Mack & Cheryl Fick Telephone No.  
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Fredericksburg, VA 22407

## W M U News

THANK YOU WMU ladies for your generous donation of over \$600.00 in WalMart gift cards to the Eastern Shore Migrant Workers.

We received a very nice thank you from Marissa Sanchez, the missionary who works with the Migrant Workers.

Lana is busy putting together 36 bags to be delivered to the Hairston Home residents. Thank you for all the toiletries you donated towards this project. We hope to spread a little sunshine to the 36 residents. For the month of August we will be sending a monetary donation of \$250.00 to The Standing Rock Indian Reservation (Tipi Waken Baptist Church). This donation will help with the food pantry, children's program, and building maintenance. Several of the ones that went on the Mission Trip last year spoke at Trinity Baptist Church in February and they gave a \$125.00 donation for us speaking and we will send that \$125.00 along with \$125.00 from the WMU budget line.

We need everyone to start to collect items for your Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes. We will focus on this project for the month of September and October. The boxes are here and we will soon start to distribute them. Thank you for all of your faithfulness to the Lord.  
*Shirley Craven*



## Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

As FBCC goes forward with their Weekday Education Program during these un-presented times we need your help. We ask that as you go about shopping if you see **masks, hand sanitizer, gloves or paper towels** or **disinfecting wipes** and can pick up one or more of these items and bring to the church to help out this program, it would be greatly appreciated. Please lift all the teachers and aids in prayer as they try to navigate all the rules and regulations set before them. There will be a collection bin next to the church office for you to drop off your contributions.

*Thank You, Weekday Edu. Committee*

### Help wanted—Teacher//Aid for Weekday Education Position at FBCC

The job will start on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 and end on Thursday, May 27, 2021. The hours will be from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday of each week. The job will include assisting the teacher and director in all school activities such as assisting children with their work, bathroom duty, playground monitoring, crafts and snacks. If interested contact the church office at 647-3774.

## Thank You Cards

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, calls, food and visits during my recovery from the dogs attack in April and the loss of my dog, Dollee. A special thanks to Pastor Larry for his calls and encouragement. Also a special thank you to the Early Learning students for their cards and pretty drawings. Your concern and best wishes are much appreciated.

*Thank you, Charlotte Albert*

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. The potted plant was beautiful! We appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers at this time.

*Bill Boylan and Family*

Dear Church Family,

Just wanted to thank you once again for all the prayers, calls and concerns you have shown me and my family. Your thoughtfulness means so much to me.

*Your sister in Christ, Rosa Foley*

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



I know. I know--it's hot, hot, hot and most of us are not thinking of Christmas, but now is the time to start planning for Operation Christmas Child. In other words, Samaritan Shoeboxes.

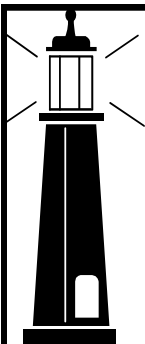
With some of the back to school sales, now is a good time to stock up on pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, notebooks and other educational supplies. We will soon place the boxes out for you to start packing and praying for the child(ren)

you share the Gospel message with. Let's remember that each child receives

the Gospel message and many have been lead to a saving knowledge of Christ by this ministry. Think of the impact of your boxes. You can share in places you may never be able to visit.. So let's get started and let's get ready to pack lots of boxes. You will be blessed as well as the children who receive your boxes..

Some suggestions of items children like and would enjoy receiving include **Toys:** stuffed animals, dolls or action figures, toy cars, trucks, planes, balls, card games, jump ropes, puzzles, slinky, LEGO's, etc. **Wearables:** socks, gloves, t-shirt, hats, sunglasses, jewelry, etc. **Hygiene Items:** Tooth brush, wash cloth, comb, brush, soap, lip balm, etc. **Miscellaneous:** Sewing kit, safety pins, curly straws, plastic forks & spoons, flash-light with batteries, drawstring bags, tape, etc.

We just received a shipment of Shoeboxes so if you would like to come by to pick up some to fill as you go along by all means do so.



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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 IMPACT (Middle & High School)	6:33 pm
Mission Friends	6:45 pm
Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**August Birthdays**

01 H. D. Linkous	18 Rachel Patterson
02 Ty Forbes	19 George Collins
03 Becky Wagoner	19 Larry Cheek
03 Larry Sharpe	20 Randy Hiatt
03 Daryl Emberson	20 Gabbie France
03 Aiden Martin	21 Terri Anthony
05 Bonnie Huff	22 Autum Turner
05 Peggy Delancey	23 Nancy Stone
05 Jordyn Gibson	23 Al Powell
06 Jacob Martin	24 Tony Gilbert
07 Betty Crotty	25 Cindy Mark
08 Joshua Haskin	25 Bryson Ramsey
09 Beverly Rakes	26 Frances Goad
09 Jennifer Powell	26 Michael Rivera
11 Chas Geramita	26 Savannah McBride
11 Billy Byrd	27 Brad Pegram
13 Bobbi Frazier	28 Audrey Johnson
14 Pete Draper	28 Tommy Nance
15 Anne Mayo	30 Sara Roetken
15 Suzanne Terry	31 Allison Love

**September Birthdays**

16 Louise Mabry	01 Doris Walker
16 Nancy Doss	01 Milton Pace
16 Amanda Goad	02 Leah Johnson
17 Shirley Horton	06 Phillip Turner
17 C. D. McGuire	

- 06 Doug Gibson
- 07 George Gentry
- 07 Janice Garrett
- 07 Randy Goad
- 07 Kemper Terry

**August Anniversaries**

- 05 Gary & Doris Walker
- 10 Clyde & Phyllis Prillaman
- 13 Doug & Shelly Gibson
- 17 Chris & Angela Hatchett
- 20 Bob & Janet Roetken
- 22 Kenny & Beverly Inman
- 24 Sam & Jummy Olaiya
- 27 Dickey & Pat Cobb
- 30 John & Mary Jane Mayberry

**September Anniversaries**

- 07 Norman & Joyce Jacobs
- 09 Scott & Robin Spencer
- 14 Doug & Bonnie Huff
- 16 Pete & Kathy Draper
- 19 Jay & Whitney Engstrom
- 23 Jerry & Judy Robertson
- 26 Tommy & Lisa Houston

**Practicing What I Preach**

Three minutes had elapsed since I had taken my seat at the counter. Waitresses passed me by; two cooks and a bus-boy took no notice of my presence. My ego was soothed only because the truck driver next to me was ignored as well. "Maybe this counter is off-limits," I said to him.

"Maybe they are short of help," he said. "Maybe they don't want our business," I responded.

"Maybe they are taking care of those at the tables," was his reply.

The hands on the clock continued to move. "Maybe they don't like us," I insisted

"The air conditioning feels so good I don't mind waiting," he said.

At this point, a harried waitress stopped to tell us that the water had been cut off and the dishwasher was not functioning. My nameless compatriot smiled, thanked the waitress and left. I did not like him. Three times I had sought his support for my obnoxious attitude, but he had let me down. Only later did I realize that he had chosen to practice what I preach.

Rev. Martin E. Pike, Jr.  
Kingsville, Texas, *The Upper Room*