

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## I Pledge Allegiance

“... to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance. (Isaiah 45:23, NASB)

Hi folks. I was thinking the other day about how much things have changed since I was a boy. I expect that, like me, many of you began each day of school with organized prayer and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Most public schools do neither today.

Recently, I read an article that suggested Christians should not say the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag because it was idolatrous to pledge to anything other than God. While I DO NOT believe saying the Pledge of Allegiance is idolatrous, I DO AGREE it is important Christians understand they have an allegiance to God.

Allegiance comes from the Latin word [aligo] meaning to bind. In feudal times people were bound to a king or the lord of a manor (a superior). Some other words that may be derived from the original Latin word are alliance and league. The concept behind these words is that an individual has a responsibility to be faithful to some cause, some group, or some person.

The Bible teaches us that God expects His people to be faithful. Faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Plus, faithfulness has its rewards. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews penned, “If we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ” (Hebrews 3:14, NLT). However, our faithfulness to God must not be based solely on the fact that we will be blessed if we are faithful. We are to be faithful to God because we have pledged our allegiance to Him as our Savior and Lord. To go against our pledge to follow and serve Him would be an affront to our character. God is faithful to us—we must be faithful to Him as well.

This July 4<sup>th</sup> be proud that you are an American. Be thankful for the blessings that are yours as a citizen of the United States. But most of all, be faithful to God as a member of His kingdom.

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



Monday, July 4

(Church Office Closed on Monday)

## FBCC Homecoming

*(Celebrating our 81st Anniversary)*



**Sunday, August 7**  
**Music and Worship**

**Service: 10:00am**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Dr. Rob Edwards**

**(former Pastor of FBCC)**

Covered Dish Luncheon will follow in  
the church Fellowship Hall

(We are asking all cooks to make your favorite side  
dish. The church will provide the meat and beverages)

Please plan to attend and bring someone with you.



## Prayer Room Ministry

Phone Number

647-3777

### Pastor Christian's Corner

#### Devotional Nugget Podcast

(Pastor Christian's Podcast will be down for two weeks as he is on vacation—will be back on July 11)

Do you have a desire to listen to a quick daily devotional? I know life can be busy with all that is going on. That's why I created the "devotional nugget" podcast. Monday - Friday, come listen to a nugget of encouragement from God's word. Its usually 5-7 minutes of your day listening to what God has placed on my heart to help you journey with Him. I write it on a level that all will be able to relate and apply to their lives. It's easy to access on your cell phone, tablet or computer by just searching "devotional nugget" in the search box of your podcast app of choice or Spotify. If you need assistance on finding it come talk to me and I'd be glad to help you. I hope you will join us on our journey but remember don't forget the dipping sauce.

Be Blessed, Christian

#### Email Addresses

**FBCC:** firstbaptistcollinsvilleva@gmail.com

**Larry:** pastorlarrycheek@gmail.com

**Christian:** pastorchristianlund@gmail.com

**Sandy:** fbccsandyamoses@gmail.com

**Ruby:** fbccrubyhuff@gmail.com

#### July Grace Network Food Item

*Bisquick (baking mix—small) or flour*

#### July Featured Items

*Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant*

### May Report

Monthly Offering needed (5 Sundays)	53,840
Monthly Offering Received	40,300
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Operating Expenses	43,574
Operating Account Balance	380,182
CD's & Savings Balance (Transferred to Operating Account)	-0-
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	3,974
Benevolence Designated Fund	1,663
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	610

*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:

Nancy Bondurant, cousin of Mark Ivey

George Brown, husband of Ruth Brown

Bonnie Conway Wright, sister of Kit Conway

### Wanted—New or Gently Used Board Games



Whether it's pure nostalgia or present family fun, board games can be a blast. We would love to gain a collection of board games for our youth area upstairs. Not all people are into sports but everyone loves to have fun. Board games is one of the many ways to have tons of fun. So please see if you can donate to our board game collection today. All donations can be turned into the church office. *(Please make sure all pieces are included)*

### Evangelism/Mission Development

We are planning another movie event at the church, to which we will again encourage you to invite the community - probably not a dinner event this time. We'll probably hold off until school starts, and will get details out soon.

We are also planning a Trauma Healing Seminar for the church soon. This is an opportunity to learn how to cope with your own trauma and grief, and an excellent way to prepare yourself to walk with someone else through theirs. It will be held in six two-hour sessions.

In May, we finished the 70X7 Bible study series. If you are interested in going through it yourself, the video series is available on Right Now Media. Workbooks are available for \$8. This series will change the way you see forgiveness.

Contact Rocky Rockwell for details and to give input (movie suggestions and timing) for the two upcoming efforts.

### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

**JULY 27 @ 6:45PM**

Chairmen And ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by July 13 if you plan to present information at the meeting that needs to be published in the bulletin prior to the meeting or included in the meeting agenda. Also please submit your written reports to the church office by July 20.

### Capital Campaign Fund Summary

( March 01, 2022—May 31, 2022)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March donations to Capital Campaign	1,405.00
April donation to Capital Campaign	10,710.00
May Donations to Capital Campaign	27,824.71
Total Received	<b>\$76,769.71</b>
Less Total spent on Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Campaign Fund Balance 5/31/22	<b>\$ 609.71</b>



## WMU News

Happy Summer to all our WMU Ladies, hope you are enjoying this sunny weather!

I would like to share with you a portion of our July mission action. We will be honoring our Military. As of now, we have not decided exactly what we will be doing, because we are not meeting for our quarterly meeting until Thursday, June 30th.

I will contact each Facilitator after our meeting on the 30th to let you know what we have decided.

We would also like to ask for canned goods for the church food pantry—we are running low. We planned to collect canned goods from the children during VBS. Unfortunately we did not get to do this. (VBS was cut short due to COVID.)

Thank you to all for the gift cards for Standing Rock, the amount raised was a little over \$300.00.

I am sure they will be very excited for the help!

God's blessings to you all! *Lana Martin*

### Weekday Education Program Taking Applications

Our Weekday Early Education Program is now enrolling for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Those interested may look on the church's website for additional information and forms to be completed or call the church office for more information.

### Humble Helping Hands Project

**Who:** Humble Helping Hands (Youth of FBCC)

**What:** Serving Senior Citizens & Widows of Henry Co.

**Where:** Kings Mountain Trash Site

**When:** Saturday, July 09, 2022

**Time:** 8:45am—11:00am

The Youth (Humble Helping Hands) of FBCC will be at Kings Mountain Trash Site on Saturday, to help Senior Citizens and Widows of Henry County unload their trash and recyclables.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS



**July 03:** Communion & Baptism Service

**July 04:** Independence Day—Church Office Closed

**July 09:** Youth—Humble Hands

**July 11:** Ladies Card Ministry

**July 17:** Deacons Meeting after service

**July 18-July 22:** Youth to Fuge Camp @ Liberty University

**July 24:** Deacon Election Vote

**July 25:** Finance & Church Council Meeting

**July 27:** Quarterly Business Meeting

**July 31:** Vote on Church Incorporation

**August 07:** Homecoming Sunday

Go to our Church Website to view the full Calendar  
[www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org](http://www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org)

## DEACON ELECTION VOTE

### JULY 24

A final list of those agreeing to serve will be presented to the church for vote on Sunday, July 24th.

**August 18:** Deacon/Wives Dinner

**August 20:** Deacon Retreat

**August 21:** Deacon Sunday

## Incorporation Vote

### Sunday, July 31

There will be a vote to determine whether or not the church will incorporate on Sunday, July 31st following worship. Anyone who has a question or concern may share those at the Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 27th. Those who will not be present during the service on the 31st may vote absentee by calling the church office during business hours beginning Thursday, July 21st.

## U-Nite TV, the Christian platform for KIDS

On U-Nite, God's Word is shared in a fun way to help kids (age 4-14) apply biblical truth to life. You don't have to worry they will stumble across inappropriate content like some other websites. And it's free!! Stream or download these and more:

- **Animated Adventures** that teach truths from the Bible
- **Music videos** to learn and memorize God's Word
- **Stories** that clearly teach the Gospel
- **Testimonies** from influencers that grow love for God's Word and God's Mission
- For information on how to download the material go to <https://unite.cefonline.com>

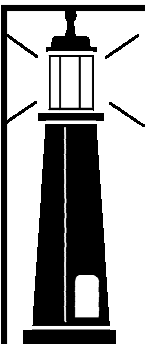


## Jesus Followers

By Ann Graham Lotz and Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright

The daughter and granddaughter of Billy Graham offer a warm and inspiring glimpse into their family life, sharing stories that reveal spiritual wisdom and practical insight for raising the next generation of Jesus Followers.

While some stories are funny, some heart-wrenching, others awe-inspiring, each "snapshot" conveys a spiritual truth along with an application that will help you continue, or begin, building a legacy of authentic faith.



**First Baptist Church**

3339 Virginia Ave.  
Collinsville, VA 24078

Pastor: Rev. Larry Cheek 276-790-3898  
Cell: 276-618-2497  
pastorlarrycheek@gmail.com

Pastor Christian Lund 434-851-9459  
pastorchristianlund@gmail.com

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

e-mail address: firstbaptistcollinsvilleva@gmail.com  
web site: www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org

Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:30am  
Children's Church  
Awana (May - Sept.)  
4:00pm

Wednesday Evening Activities:  
Children's Choir Practice 5:15pm  
Fellowship Meal 6:00pm  
RA's & GA's 6:30pm  
Youth (Middle & High School) 6:30pm  
Mission Friends 6:30pm  
Prayer Service & Bible Study 6:45pm

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

Return Service  
Requested

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**July 2022 Birthdays**

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 01 Deborah Rakes     | 19 Len Turner          |
| 03 Ryan Beachy       | 19 Brian Whitlow       |
| 03 Herman Hale       | 19 Ashley Martin       |
| 03 Chelsea Jones     | 19 Charlie Turner      |
| 04 Marge Renz        | 20 Angie Hatchett      |
| 04 Cade Collins      | 22 Pat Gauldin         |
| 04 Ruby Amos         | 23 Donna Floyd         |
| 04 Aleah Meredith    | 24 Mary Jane Mayberry  |
| 05 Nancy Franklin    | 24 Landon Castro       |
| 05 Dorothy Hundley   | 25 Pam Joyce           |
| 05 Robert Scott      | 26 Sarah Torian        |
| 06 Melissa Hopkins   | 26 Helen (Alley) Crane |
| 07 Willa Shropshire  | 26 Elliott Gibson      |
| 07 Betty Via         | 28 Matthew Scott       |
| 08 Charlotte Harter  | 29 Joan Pace           |
| 09 Ed Blakeney       | 29 Hunter Houston      |
| 10 Jonathan Hatchett | 31 Martha Johnson      |

**August 2022 Birthdays**

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 12 Sandy Gary      | 01 H. D. Linkous  |
| 13 Katie Nance     | 02 Ty Forbes      |
| 13 Christy Rakes   | 03 Daryl Emberson |
| 14 Becky Crotty    | 03 Becky Wagoner  |
| 14 Doris Draper    | 03 Aiden Martin   |
| 15 Shirley Craven  | 05 Peggy Delancey |
| 16 Robin Spencer   | 05 Bonnie Huff    |
| 19 Ellin Cobler    | 05 Jordyn Gibson  |
| 19 Caroline Pinnix | 06 Jacob Martin   |

- 07 Betty Crotty
- 08 Joshua Haskins
- 09 Jennifer Powell
- 09 Beverly Rakes
- 11 Chas Geramita
- 11 Shelley Belcher
- 13 Bobbi Frazier
- 14 Pete Draper
- 15 Anne Mayo
- 15 Suzanne Terry

**July 2022 Anniversaries**

- 01 Ron & Brenda Lemons
- 01 Curtis & Daphne Stone
- 07 Ryan & Rebecca Beachy
- 11 Mark & Diana Martin
- 14 Dickie & Taujinia Martin
- 15 Randy & Frances Goad
- 19 Joe & Hope Johnson
- 24 Milton & Joyce Pace
- 25 Aubrey & Sandy Moses

**August 2022 Anniversaries**

- 05 Gary & Doris Walker
- 11 Harold & Shelley Belcher
- 13 Doug & Shelly Gibson
- 20 Bob & Janet Roetken
- 20 Jim & Vera Dodson
- 22 Kenny & Beverly Inman
- 24 Sam & Jummy Olaiya
- 27 Dickey & pat Cobb
- 30 John & Mary Jane Mayberry



Ladies Card Ministry  
(2nd Monday of the Month)  
Monday, July 11  
12:00 noon  
SunShine Classroom

**Knitters and  
Crocheters  
1st & 3rd  
Thursday  
Each month  
10:00am-12:00 noon  
Hospitality Room**



We welcome anyone who would like to join us as we will be knitting and crocheting for missions. Please bring a ball of blue yarn and your knitting needles and/or crochet hooks. Any questions call Bobbi Frazer @ 276-252-8106.