

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## Be Steadfast

As I was studying the other day, I came across the word steadfast. Today, that word is not used very often. But for a Christian it still has huge implications. In Greek "steadfast" [1476, hedraios] is derived from a word that means "to sit." However, it has a much broader meaning than to be sedentary. It indicates a stability that is often missing in the lives of professing Christians.

As Paul finished teaching about the resurrection of deceased believers prior to the Rapture of the Church, he encouraged us to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). Other versions of the Bible chose to use words or phrases that reflected an additional aspect of being steadfast. The NIV calls for us to "stand firm." The New Living Translation says to "be strong and immovable." The New Century Version exhorts us to "stand strong." And The Message says to "stand your ground and don't hold back." In essence, being steadfast means to be firmly fixed in some way.

It seems to me that the idea of being steadfast is more of a mindset than an action. Being steadfast begins with being sure about what you believe and migrates to other aspects of our human existence. King David asked the LORD for a steadfast spirit (Ps. 51:10). He also described his heart as steadfast (Ps. 108:1). Paul encouraged us to be steadfast in prayer (Ro. 12:12). Peter counseled believers to be steadfast in their faith (1 Pet. 5:9). And the writer of the letter to the Hebrews said we should be steadfast in our confidence (Heb. 3:14) and our hope (Heb. 6:19).

But let me say that being steadfast is not obtained through human effort or ingenuity. It is something developed as we trust in the Lord (Ps. 112:7). According to Paul, when we are steadfast, nothing done for the Lord and in the Lord will be in vain. In other words, our lives will be useful and meaningful. What Christian would not want that? Blessings in Christ.

*Pastor Larry*

## Henry Co. Baptist Association

Presents

**Melinda Isley and her Band**  
in concert

**Saturday, November 12 @**  
**4:00pm**

Hosted at First Baptist Church Collinsville

**Opening by Exalted Christian Band**

*Melinda Isley is a Martinsville native*

Melinda's life is a songbook of hills and valleys that she has prayed through, endured and risen to overcome. Through her music ministry her message is that God works all things together for our good, and, we should offer praise in and through all things.

*There will be Hot Chocolate and refreshments to follow. We will be happily accepting food and/or monetary donations for the Henry Co. Food Pantry, if you feel so inclined.*

This will be an outdoor concert, weather permitting. If its too cold or raining, the concert will be moved to the church sanctuary.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

**Church Goal—400 Boxes**

**(1 week. to shop)**



Time is running out so lets pack those shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Each shoebox that is packed can change the life of a child and offer an opportunity

for them to learn about Jesus and his love for them. Please consider packing several boxes to help us reach our church goal of 400 boxes. We need everyone's help. Please note that the freight cost has increased to \$10.00 per box. You may pick up your boxes under the tapestry or the Welcome Desk. Thank you for sharing Jesus' love through this ministry. **All boxes will need to be returned by November 13th.**

## 2023 Church Budget

**Sun., Nov. 20:** Budget presented to the church

**Wed., Nov. 30:** Budget Discussion Meeting

**Sun., Dec. 4:** Vote on 2023 Budget



## Hanging of the Greens Service

Sun., Nov. 27 6:00pm

A time of fellowship will follow the service. We ask that everyone bring finger foods to share. *(Please be mindful of those who have nut or peanut allergies and not bring items made with nut products.)*

### Evangelism/Mission Development

The annual Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Celebration Banquet was a great success with 230 attending, and approximately \$7,000 raised for the ministry (after expenses). Our church was well represented with 7 members. There was a definite excitement over the opportunities for ministry growth afforded by the new Henry County Adult Detention Center, and the successes related to making the transition.

Plans for our Christmas Movie, 'The Perfect Gift', and Dessert Social are underway for 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, with the dessert social following. (The movie is 92 minutes long). We will get invitations to parents who normally drop off kids for AWANA and youth group in hopes that they will stay for the movie, and then enjoy the dessert social together afterward. We will also have invitations for our church members to give to friends and family. Please get this on your calendar and be in prayer for our community to focus on **God's perfect gift of Jesus Christ** throughout the holiday season!

This being our **perfect gift** for the community, we will be asking our church families to bring their favorite holiday dessert to share - Please be mindful of those who have nut or peanut allergies and not bring items made with nut products. More details to come!

Thanks! *Rocky*

### September Report

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Monthly Offering needed<br>(4 Sundays) | 43,072  |
| Monthly Offering Received              | 34,735  |
| Rental Income                          | 1,913   |
| Other Income                           | -0-     |
| Monthly Operating Expenses             | 34,532  |
| Operating Account Balance              | 375,326 |
| Weekday Education Acct. Balance        | 4,556   |
| Benevolence Designated Fund            | 1,744   |
| Project Hope                           | 1,461   |
| Bereavement Meal Ministry              | 2,474   |
| Van Fund                               | 13,398  |
| Capital Campaign Fund                  | 26,959  |

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:

Iris Mays, grandmother of Courtney Lund and great-grandmother to Savannah Lund  
**Doug Anthony**, member of FBCC and friend of many.

### Thank You Card

Dear Church Family:

We would like to thank you for all the goodies we received during Pastor Appreciation Month. More than that, though, we are grateful for the support and encouragement that you continually show us. We are blessed to serve such a kind and loving church.  
*Pastor Larry & Pastor Christian*

### NOTICE

The updated Church Officers & Workers List for 2022-2023 is available for you to pick up at the information stands.

FILL THEM WITH



OPERATION CHRISTMAS  
SHOEBOX

PROCESSING CENTER

Charlotte, North Carolina

NOV. 25th 3—7pm **OR**

NOV. 28th 2—6 P.M.

Would you like to bless the children overseas with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our church now has **two time slots** to help inspect and place filler items into the gift boxes, scan label & organize shoeboxes by age and gender. **You must be 14 years old or older to participate** and there is a maximum of 15 people going each day. Some heavy lifting is involved.

Please sign up by Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> if interested in participating.

### Alma Hunt Offering For Virginia Missions

*Let Light shine in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* John 1:5

**FBCC Goal \$5,000.00**

**Received thru 10/23/22 \$2,561.00**

### Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—September 30, 2022)

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Received thru Building Improvement Fund    | \$36,830.00         |
| March-August donations to Capital Campaign | \$101,217.81        |
| September donations to Capital Campaign    | \$1,901.25          |
| <b>Total Received</b>                      | <b>\$103,119.06</b> |
| Less Total spent on Roof                   | \$76,160.00         |
| Capital Campaign Fund Balance 8/31//22     | <b>26,959.06</b>    |

## Constitution Changes

The Constitution Revision Committee has been working on the necessary changes to the church constitution that need to be made in the process of becoming incorporated. The changes will be presented to the church on Sunday, November 27. There will be a discussion meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:46pm. The church will vote on Sunday, December 11 during the morning service.



## WMU News

It seems the older I get, the faster the time flies.

As we prepare for our Mission Action for November, remember the Exams Bags for our college students. Each circle has a student, please have them to your student before Thanksgiving, most of them will be home by then.

Thank you dear ladies for all you do to minister to our community and our church!

Happy Thanksgiving! We are blessed! *Lana and Hope*



**Youth Humble Hands**  
**Saturday, November 12**  
**8:45am**

**Project and Place to be announced later**



**Youth Basketball Tournament**  
**Saturday, Nov. 19**  
**4:00pm @ FBCC**



## HELP WANTED

We currently have a couple of job opportunities here at First Baptist. We need a Van Driver. If you are interested, please contact our church office for more details.

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We also need someone to remove snow and ice during the winter months. If you are interested in this position, please see Charlie Turner or Alan Teal.



**AWANA**  
**Sundays**  
**4:00pm**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**  
**TIME ENDS**

**November**  
**6**

## November Grace Network Food Item

*Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz. jar or can)*

## November Featured Items

*Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant*

## Upcoming Events at FBCC



### Hanging of the Greens

Service: Sun., Nov. 27 @ 6:00pm

### Lottie Moon Post Office:

Opens on Sun., Nov. 27

**Christmas Movie: "God's Perfect Gift"** Sun. Dec. 4 4:00pm

**Adult Choir Christmas Presentation: "The Joy that Jesus Reigns"**

Sun., Dec. 18 @ 10:30am

### Christmas Eve

**Communion Service:** Sun., Dec. 24 @ 6:00pm



## Happy

## Thanksgiving

**The Church office will be closed on**  
**Nov. 24 & 25**

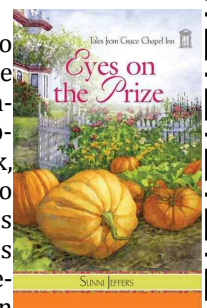
*Giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*  
*Ephesians 5:20-CSB*

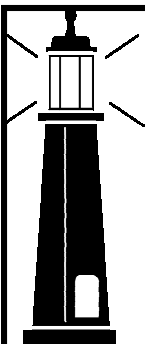
## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### Eyes on the Prize

By: **Sunni Jeffers**

September brings hints of autumn to Acron Hill, and the Howard sisters face new challenges. Jane breaks out her running shoes and enters a charity race, hoping to win out not only against the clock, but also against an old rival. Alice tries to help find a way to make Vera Humbert's aunt's last days comfortable. But it is Louise' activity in the garden that has everyone excited. Will her giant pumpkin bring fame to Acron Hill? Through all the excitement, the sisters try to remember to keep their eyes on the true prize.





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|---------------------|---------|
| Sunday School       | 9:30am  |
| Worship Service     | 10:30am |
| Children's Church   |         |
| Awana (May - Sept.) | 4:00pm  |
| Youth               | 4:00pm  |
| Adult Bible Studies | 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 |
| Adult Choir Practice         | 7:30pm |

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

Return Service  
Requested

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>November Birthdays</u> | 19 Joe Haskins            |
| 01 Greg Craven            | 19 Hannah Piccolo         |
| 02 Matt O'Dell            | 19 Erick Rodies           |
| 02 Jennifer Witt          | 21 Susie Baldwin          |
| 03 Stacy Fontaine         | 21 Mark Ivey              |
| 03 Ray Parcell            | 21 Catherine Kallam       |
| 03 Samantha Martin        | 21 Keith Oliver           |
| 05 Kaitlin Haskins        | 24 Tyler Martin           |
| 05 Susan Wagoner          | 24 Kit Scott              |
| 06 Judy Anthony           | 25 Brenda Carter          |
| 10 Zoie Pace              | 25 Ben Dawson             |
| 10 Summer Shelton         | 25 Linda Newsome          |
| 11 Sandy O'Dell           | 25 Emily Rorrer           |
| 12 Sherryl Anderson       | 26 Sheree Gillispie       |
| 13 Ta'meil Foddrell       | 27 Carol Gentry           |
| 14 Tonia Patterson        | 28 Sandra Zanfini         |
| 14 Hannah Goad            | 30 Daphne Stone           |
| 15 Ken Wagoner            | 30 C. B. Mullins          |
| 16 Michaela Garrett       | 30 Kristen Weaver         |
| 16 Emily Whitlow          |                           |
| 17 Rosa Foley             | <u>December Birthdays</u> |
| 17 Sherrie Setliff        | 01 Joe Johnson            |
| 17 Parker Pinnix          | 02 Melody Oliver          |
| 18 Charlotte Albert       | 03 Yvonne Harris          |
| 18 Lois Radford           | 04 Kevin Shropshire       |
| 18 Nettie Webb            | 05 Sarah Scott            |
| 18 Daniel Craven          | 06 Paige Collins          |
| 18 Dottie Turner          |                           |

### 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 Rocky & Carolyn Rockwell  
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 Jeff & Dee Webb  
23 Sammy & Bonnie Shelton  
28 George Collins & Lisa West  
31 Ray & Lisa Rivera

**Tuesday Morning  
Bible Study  
with Pastor Larry  
10:00am  
SonShine Classroom**



Ladies Card Ministry  
(2nd Monday of the Month)  
Monday, November 14  
12:00 noon  
SonShine Classroom  
Making Anniversary and  
Birthday Cards

## **Loving Hands Knitters and Crochetiers**



**1st & 3rd Thursdays  
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.