

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



The Strength You Have

"Go in this strength of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?" (Judges 6:14, NASB)

Gideon was a young Hebrew soldier whose people had been battered into poverty by the Midianites. They would wait until a crop was harvested and raid the area. Then they would cross back over their border and wait until the Hebrews completed another harvest. Gideon was so demoralized that he tried to hide in a winepress as he threshed enough grain to keep his family alive.

Suddenly the Lord appeared to him, commissioning him to lead his people against the Midianites. The Lord told him to *"Go in the strength you have."* But let's remember that at that moment Gideon was hiding from the Midianites. Gideon did not feel like he had much strength. But he had enough to do God's will, if he would only trust and obey God.

Weakness comes and goes depending upon age, illness, injury, and the demands of life. But we are stronger than we realize, because the Lord is our strength and salvation. He will always provide enough strength to do what He calls us to do. If we will trust the Lord, we like Paul, can say that, *"When I am weak, then I am strong"* (2 Cor. 12:10). In his own strength Gideon was powerless to help his people. But once he realized his weakness and depended on God's divine strengthening, Gideon had more than enough strength. As we faithfully serve the Lord, He gives us the strength we need for the tasks He has placed before us. So go in the strength you have. God will make up the difference and you will succeed. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

VBS NEWS



Kickoff for VBS

May 21

4-6:00pm

We will have family game night. Come enjoy a fun time with games, snacks, and pizza. It will be a blast for all ages.

VBS

June 11-15

6:00-8:30pm

We still need volunteers to make this happen. See the sign up sheet at the VBS table. If you have questions see Rebecca Vernon or Suzanne Terry.

BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL

GOSPEL CHOIR

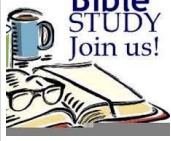
The Bassett High School Gospel Choir will perform selected songs for our Worship Service on

Sunday, May 7

10:30am

Please make plans now to attend this special service to support these wonderful young people

*You are giving them
an opportunity to SHINE*



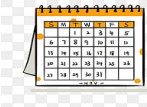
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
with Pastor Larry
10:00am
SonShine Classroom
Everyone is invited to attend



The Ladies Card Ministry
Monday, May 08
12:00 Noon
SonShine Classroom
Making Birthday and Anniversary Cards

Mark Your Calendar

- May 04, 11, 18, 25:** Loving Hands Ministry
- May 06:** Community Impact Day
- May 08:** Ladies Card Ministry
- May 13:** Youth Humble Hands Ministry
- May 14:** Mother's Day
- May 21:** Graduate Sunday
- May 21:** VBS Kick-Off Family Game Night
- May 28:** Memorial Sunday
- June 4:** Baby Dedication Sunday
- June 04:** Community Movie Night



Grace Network

As a church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

May Grace Network Food Item

Peanut Butter

May Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant

March Report

Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	44,456
Monthly Offering Received	45,862
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (undesig. memorials, use of building, etc.)	
Monthly Operating Expenses	56,437
Operating Account Balance	366,737
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	5,824
Benevolence Designated Fund	1,800
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,974
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	48,904

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:

Bobby Merriman, brother-in-law of Ellin Cobler
 Ruth Franklin, sister-in-law of Dot Turner
 Robert "Bob" Walker, brother of Gary Walker
 Robert "Robbie" Divers, III, grandson of Robert Divers, Sr.
 Celeste McPhilamy, sister of Neil Ramsey

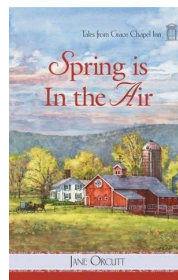


Pregnancy Care Center
Baby Bottle Campaign

Pick up your Baby bottle in the church lobby. Fill the bottle with change, paper currency or checks to go toward supporting this organization. The pregnancy Care Center is involved in helping mothers and protecting the unborn in our community. So, let's fill up some bottles! Return the bottles to the church by May 28, 2023 for this most worthy cause. They are grateful for your support and prayer support to help reaching women and saving babies lives.

"Life is a precious gift"

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Spring is in the Air
By Jane Orcutt

Spring comes to Acorn Hill and brings with it birds, budding flowers and a whole new set of challenges for the Howard sisters. While Louise becomes involved in the creation of the town's official website, Jane helps coach the local Little League team and Alice befriends an Amish girl who's about to make the biggest decision of her life. Meanwhile, the sisters host a family who are building something very interesting in the backyard. When spring is in the air, excitement is just around the corner.

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—March 31, 2023)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—Feb. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 8,453.50
March 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 3,655.41
Total Received	\$125,063.82
Less Total spent on Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Campaign Fund Balance 02/28/23	\$48,903.82



Women on Mission,

Hello Women on Mission!

The mission action for May is God's Pit Crew, any amount I am sure would be helpful! The Betty Westover group is making two blessing buckets to deliver to them. We need to turn the money into Sandy by the end of May

The Harmony Hall Birthday was a success, as always, they had a good time and so did we! As write this we are preparing to deliver the goodies to Martinsville Middle School to show our appreciation for all they do for the children!

i am humbled by the responce of you all and pray that as we minister in our community it will make a difference in the lives of many.

May god bless each and everyone of you as we continue to share the love of Jesus.

Blessings, Lana and Hope
P.S Please pray for our VBS in June!



Baby Dedication Sunday June 4

If anyone is interested in having your baby dedicated on Sunday, June 4, please contact Pastor Larry or the Church Office (276-647-3774) by Sunday, May 21.

Evangelism/Mission Development

The multi-church 'Community Impact Day' is Saturday, May 6 (with the 13th as a rain-day). If you have NOT signed up to help, we could still use your help. Please contact Rocky Rockwell for details.

Please put June 4 on your calendar for our next quarterly movie '**Courageous Remastered**', focusing on the commitment of fatherhood. Whether you have not seen the original '**Courageous**' movie, or not, the remastered version it's a must-see. They added a few new scenes and gave the whole movie a crisper feel. We will follow that up with a viewing of '**Show Me the Father**' (a documentary on godly fatherhood) and a Bible study. More information to come!

We are considering calling for a regular time on Sunday mornings before Sunday School (8:30 or 9:00 a.m.) for the men of the church to come together and pray for the church as a whole. Rocky Rockwell would really appreciate any feedback you might have on that opportunity.

YOUTH CORNER

Greetings from the Youth Department,

I pray that you all have enjoyed God's blessings over the course of the last month. I know that we in the youth department are so blessed to have the opportunity to reach out to kids of all backgrounds. As most of you know the youth had the opportunity to partake in a youth lock-in on April 21st. I was so impressed with the number of students that showed up that I allowed them to wax my legs. I know many of you may think this man is crazy and I can't believe we call him Youth Pastor. I know I know that you likely don't feel that way, at least I hope but our leaders will do whatever it takes to get the Gospel message of Jesus Christ into the hearts and minds of the teens in Henry County.

Two things that really tugged at my heart was the sheer diversity of students we had that night and one of the youth opening of the Bible with another student while everyone else was enjoying free time. The first item being the diversity of students amongst us was phenomenal. I thought to myself this is the church. This is what it's all about. People of African American background, Hispanic background, Caucasian background, young, old, male and female all coming together to have fun but also to worship and hear the Gospel in a safe and exciting environment. The second item was from one of our youths. This student had their Bible out and was sharing with another student. It's like God was showing us leaders that what we have been teaching on is being listened to. That our teens love and care about each other so much that they are willing to give up their free time to show the love of Christ. This is the kind of youth group I want to lead.

Is this the kind of church we desire? A church that preaches the truth in love to people of all backgrounds. Ones that are hurting and ones that are growing. My prayer is that in our hearts and minds that we would not allow our prejudices (and we all have them) to get in the way of God doing amazing things to save people from their sins. I hope you will join me in this prayer. That we would be doers of the Word and not just listeners.

Until the whole world hears

Pastor Christian Lund

Youth Events

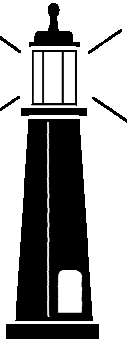
Saturday May 13th

Humble Hands, Humble Hands

The youth will begin their monthly service projects in the community. For the month of May, the youth will travel to the trash site off Kings Mountain Rd. We will show the love of Christ by assisting residents of Henry County offload their trash and recyclables. It's such a blessing to so many to see our young people represent Jesus in the community. In the future we will help the food pantry and assist the widows and shut-ins of our church. If you ever get the opportunity, pull one of our teens aside and tell them thank you, encourage them, and just show them love.

Sunday May 21st
Graduate Sunday

It is with great pleasure to honor the graduating class of 2023. I feel like we just got done honoring the graduates of 2022 but it's that time of year again. To honor our graduates this year we will host the graduates, parents, and grandparents to a catered meal on Saturday May 20th. We will also have a table set up in the foyer of the church with boxes for each student to have church members place cards, gift cards, etc to celebrate this special time. During our worship service on May 21st, we will present them with the cards as well as a congratulatory gift. The service will be dedicated to our graduates as they will be present in their graduation attire. Let's make sure to send off our graduates with huge blessings as we honor them and all they have accomplished.



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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
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Permit No. 5

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2023 Birthday

- 01 Bailey France
- 02 Carrie Williams
- 02 Agnes VanHulzen
- 03 Ann Thomason
- 04 Tim Atwood
- 04 Sidney Lavinder
- 04 Wendy Gilbert
- 04 Tami Olalya
- 05 Hope Johnson
- 05 Allison Prato
- 05 Michael Walker
- 06 Keith Eggleston
- 06 Dee Webb
- 07 Sarah France
- 07 Shelly Gibson
- 07 Savannah Lund
- 11 Pamela Jones
- 11 Sylvia McKinney
- 13 Parker Tuck
- 14 Everett Lawson
- 17 Temple Mays
- 18 Wanda Watkins
- 18 Katrell Ramsey
- 19 Marci Emberson
- 20 Shirley Hodges
- 21 Jessica Shelton

- 21 Hank Joyce
- 22 Tina Maxey
- 24 Phyllis Geramita
- 26 Joan Collins
- 26 Scott Spencer
- 26 Sammy Shelton
- 29 Douglas Huff
- 29 Rick Love
- 29 Blake Minter
- 30 Sammy Eanes
- 31 Judah Beachy

June 2023 Birthday

- 01 Styles Geramita
- 01 Mike Kennett
- 01 Tim Knight
- 01 Gideon Huddle
- 01 Lisa West
- 01 Ezra Manns
- 02 David Kinney
- 02 Nicholas Alley
- 03 Chris Roetken
- 03 Rocky Rockwell
- 04 Ricky Anderson
- 04 Bob Hall
- 05 Bruce Adkins
- 05 Tommy Houston
- 05 Faye Haynes
- 06 Steve Edwards
- 06 Becky Fontaine


06 Sarah Lester

May 2023 Anniversaries

- 01 Roger & Judy Dodson
- 05 Sidney & Betty Lavinder
- 07 Steve & Leslie Houston
- 09 Jeff & Wendy Watkins
- 16 Brad & Sue Ella Ferguson
- 16 Tom & Ellen Prato
- 20 Jimmy & Pam Joyce
- 23 Alan & Elizabeth Teal
- 29 Scott & Suzanne Terry
- 30 Wayne & Becky Johnson

June Anniversaries

- 02 Chas & Phyllis Geramita
- 05 Scott & Toni Patterson
- 09 Chris & Martha Newman
- 12 Keith & Paige Scott
- 13 H. D. & Debbie Linkous
- 21 Mackenzie & Melanie Eggleston



AWANA
Sundays
4:00pm
2 Years to 12th Grade



**Loving Hands
Ministry Meet**
Every Thursdays
of each month
10:00am-12:00 noon
2nd Floor
Loving Hands Ministry Rm.
We welcome anyone who
would like to join us.
Any questions call
Bobbi Frazer @
276-252-8106.

Please Take Note:
If you have not been receiving the email notices the church has been sending out or the One Calls the Pastor has been making and you would like to be included, please call the church office at 647-3774 and we will be glad to add you to the list.