

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



Content with the Content

Be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

I have heard people say that the English language is difficult for a non-English speaking person to learn. The title of this article supports that belief. On one hand, "content" as an adjective means to be satisfied with something or someone. However, when using "content" as a noun it refers to the principal substance contained in a specific place (i.e. drawer or article).

I wonder how many of us can honestly say we are content with what we have. Whoever wrote the letter to the Hebrews challenged people to be content (satisfied) with the things they had. But if we look at the last half of our verse, the writer tells us that our contentment is not based so much on what we have, but who we have. The author is quoting from several passages in the Old Testament (Gen. 28:15, Deut. 31:8; Josh. 1:5; 1 Chr. 28:20) where God reminded people He would be with them in every situation. I like the way Eugene Petersen renders this verse in *The Message*. He says God told people, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you."

When I read this verse, two truths come to mind that will assist us in becoming content in this life. One, if God is with me then I have divine resources available to me in every moment. God can accomplish things with me, thru me, and for me that I could not begin to imagine doing without Him. Two, I am one of God's adopted children, and so are you if you are saved. That means that God is watching over me. If God had a refrigerator, my picture would be on it. In any given moment, I have all that I need to enjoy life. If there is something I need God will enable me to meet that need, or He will supernaturally provide for me in the instance I cannot provide for myself. Therefore, I am blessed whether or not I have what I want or think I need. This is why Paul told Timothy, "Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Tim. 6:6).

We are quickly approaching the Thanksgiving holiday. Let us prepare for our celebration by learning to be content with God and the blessings He has given us. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

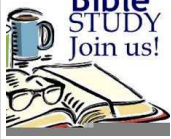
Pastor Larry



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

What a great job the church is doing in filling the 500 boxes. I just know that we are going to meet the goal. All boxes need to be returned by Sun., Nov. 12th. We will plan to deliver to Stone Memorial Christian Church on Tues., Nov. 14th. I would also like to thank Linda and Becky Conner and all the other ladies who pitched in to help set up the table displays. Also thanks to the ladies in the *Loving Hands Ministry* that have helped make numerous jump ropes, soap sacks, children hats and so many other items to numerous to mention. Thank you to the *Awana Group* and the *Sonshine Sunday School Class* for all the boxes they packed too. THANK YOU THANK YOU to all who have worked so hard throughout the year. I know you will be blessed when you see those pictures of the children opening up their shoeboxes. Also, thank you to *Christian* and the *Youth* for doing the Spaghetti to raise money to be sent to Samaritans Purse shoebox ministry. Thanks to *Pastor Larry* for always reminding us about the ministry from the pulpit and on the one calls. If I have forgotten to thank anyone, please forgive me and give yourself a pat on the back. This has been truly a church wide project. I wish for you and your families to have a blessed holiday season.

Thanks, *Shirley*



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

In Sympathy:

Raymond “Ray” Rivera, husband of Lisa Rivera
 Mark Cox, brother of Brenda Hagood
 Tracy Kennett, brother of Mike Kennett
 Vivian Fisher, sister of Harold Belcher

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
COLLINSVILLE COVENANT
BRETHREN CHURCH



6:00PM

There will be a Community Choir
Refreshments will be served following
the worship service

Those participating in the Community Choir
 should start arriving at 4:30pm.
 Choir practice will be at 4:45pm

Hanging of the Greens Service

Sun., Dec. 03— 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.)*

2024 Church Budget

- Sunday November 5:** Budget Presented
- Wednesday, November 15:** Budget Discussion
- Sunday, November 19:** Budget Voted on

September Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	44,456
Monthly Budget Offering Received	46,257
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (undesig. memorials, use of building, etc.)	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	56,142
Operating Account Balance	325,718
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	6,766
Benevolence Fund	1,491
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	64,559

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.

Church Council 2023-2024

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Larry Cheek
Associate Pastor of Education & Youth:	Christian Lund
Choir Director:	Penny Decker
Deacon Chairman:	Neil Ramsey
Board of Directors President	Greg Craven
WMU Director:	Kim Beckner
Brotherhood Director (4MforHim):	Kemper Terry
Audio Services Coordinator:	Sherry Flanagan
Children’s Ministry Coordinator:	Felecia McBride
Church Hostess:	Lisa Houston
Discipleship Coordinator:	Hope Johnson
<i>Discipleship Helpers:</i>	Mona Turner
Nursery Coordinator:	Melanie Eggleston
Sunday School Director:	Susan Rorrer
Treasurer:	Kathy Draper
Senior Adult Coordinator:	Dottie Turner
Chairpersons of the Standing Committees:	
Benevolence:	H. D. Linkous
Evangelism/Missions Dev.:	Rocky Rockwell
Insurance:	
Membership:	Kenny Inman
	Sheree Gillispie
Money Counters:	Ken Wagoner
Co-Chairman	Bobby Harter
Music:	Sheila Ramsey
Nominating:	Bobbi Fraizer
Co-Chairman	Sheila Ramsey
Personnel:	Judy Robertson
Properties:	Charlie Turner
Co-Chairman	Alan Teal
Public Relations :	Suzanne Terry
Special Needs:	Charlotte Harter
Weekday Early Education:	Melanie Eggleston

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—September 30, 2023)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—August 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$25,568.16
September 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 2,196.25
Total Received	\$140,719.32
Total spent for Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Fund Balance 09/31/23	\$64,559.32



Loving Hands Ministry
Meet Every Thursday of the month
10:00am-12:00 noon
2nd Floor Loving Hands Ministry Room #216

The Loving Hands Ministry is going strong. We are hard at work knitting, crocheting, sewing and using our hands to make items for the *Shoe Boxes* and to donate to local nursing homes, the *Ravenel Breast Cancer Center, the Oncology Dept., Mt. Valley Hospice, the Warming Center, Foster Children* and in *Danville, the Women's Center and the Pediatric Floor.*

We meet Thursdays on the 2 1/2 floor at the church in room #216. There is plenty of room for more people to join us to fellowship and to make blankets, hats, soap sacks, scarves, jump ropes and more. There is something for everybody to do. If you are not interested in using your hands to help, monetary donations for supplies would be appreciated.

Please pray about joining us soon. We would love to see you in room #216, the Loving Hands Ministry Room.

The Loving Hands Ministry

For more information you can call Bobbi Frazier @ 276-252-8106

Evangelism/Mission Development

**NEW MEN'S
 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Thomas Kasey Men's Sunday School Class

Starting on Sunday, December 3rd
 Conference Room on the 2nd Floor

Prayer will be incorporated for the Church at 9:00am and then break into the Sunday School lesson at 9:30am

David Conner and Rocky Rockwell
 will be the teachers

NEEDED : VAN DRIVER

FBCC is in need of a Van Driver for transporting participants to/from church, who are unable to attend otherwise. If interested please contact the Church Office.

Samaritans Purse Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, November 4—5:30-7:00pm

Do you love pasta? Do you love helping others? Combine your loves and join the youth in providing financial means to help Samaritans Purse Shoebox ministry. See any teen or check out the youth bulletin board to sign up for a to go meal. Meal includes pasta, bread and desert. All we ask in return is a monetary donation to be given to Samaritans Purse. Sign ups begin October 22nd and go through November 1. Lets reach our goal of giving \$1,500.00



YOUTH CORNER

A Church Mouse we call Mickey

When I was a young kid, I read a book titled *The Mouse and The Motorcycle*. The story is about a young boy who meets a talking mouse while that family is staying at an aging hotel. They become good friends. The boy then gives the mouse a toy motorcycle and the mouse learns to drive it. The mouse manages to get himself into much trouble on the motorcycle and at one point the mouse nearly gets sucked into the vacuum of the cleaning lady.

As I was cleaning up the youth area one Monday after youth group. I looked over only to notice a mouse who was coming towards me. Normally mice run from humans but not Mickey. I couldn't figure out why this crazy mouse was doing this but then I got to thinking, which I know can be dangerous. Maybe this mouse is mad at me and the vacuum because I was cleaning up the leftover popcorn that fell to the floor. It was attacking the vacuum or possibly trying to get my attention to not take its food away. Maybe my imagination is too big and creative, or is it?

As silly as this all may seem, imagine it is all true and the mouse is indeed fighting to keep the food for itself and maybe its family. The mouse is fighting for what it needs, for what it believes, and basic survival. Are you willing to fight for what you believe in, and for what is needed? What we need, and what our community around us needs is Jesus! It doesn't matter who you are, how much money you have, your race, your gender, or any other characterizations, what people need is Jesus. As believers it is our responsibility to fight for getting the gospel to all. My prayer is that you believe the same.

Matthew 28:17-20 *"When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
Pastor Christian

Upcoming events

Nov 4th 5pm: Spaghetti Dinner support for Samaritans Purse Shoe Box drive

Nov 11th 10:30am: Liberty Vs Old Dominion Football game

Grace Network

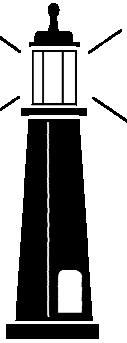
As a church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

November Grace Network Food Item

Sugar (4 lb.)

November Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Bath Soap



First Baptist Church

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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

November 2023 Birthdays

- 21 Mark Ivey
- 01 Greg Craven
- 02 Matt O'Dell
- 02 Jennifer Witt
- 03 Stacy Fontaine
- 03 Samantha Martin
- 05 Kaitlin Haskins
- 05 Susan Wagoner
- 06 Judy Anthony
- 10 Zoie Pace
- 10 Summer Shelton
- 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 Sherrie Setliff
- 17 Parker Pinnix
- 18 Charlotte Albert
- 18 Lois Radford
- 18 Nettie Webb
- 18 Daniel Craven
- 18 Dottie Turner
- 19 Joe Haskins
- 19 Hannah Piccolo
- 19 Erick Rodies
- 21 Susie Baldwin
- 21 Catherine Kallam
- 21 Keith Oliver
- 24 Tylar Martin
- 24 Kit Scott
- 25 Brenda Carter
- 25 Ben Dawson
- 25 Linda Newsome
- 25 Emily Rorrer
- 26 Sheree Gillispie
- 27 Carol Gentry
- 28 Sandra Zanfini
- 30 Daphne Stone
- 30 C. B. Mullins
- 30 Kristen Weaver

December 2023 Birthdays

- 01 Joe Johnson
- 02 Melody Oliver
- 03 Yvonne Harris
- 04 Kevin Shropshire
- 05 Sarah Scott
- 06 Paige Collins
- 08 Taylor Draper
- 09 Kenny Inman
- 09 Susan Rodies
- 10 Nathan Roetken
- 11 Tim Ramsey
- 13 Jenifer Mize
- 14 Ann Amos

November 2023 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 2023 Anniversaries

- 05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman
- 08 Teddy and Sharon Belcher
- 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 and Lisa West

Dates to Remember....

- Nov. 12:** Veteran's Sunday
- Nov. 19:** Community Thanksgiving Service @ Collinsville Covenant Brethren Church
- Nov. 23:** Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
- Nov. 24:** Office Closed
- Dec. 03:** Hanging of the Green Service
- Dec. 09:** Breakfast with Santa

AWANA
Children
ages 2 thru 5th grade
SUNDAYS
4:00-5:30pm

FBCC Library Book of the Month

Tales from Grace Chapel Inn—Autumn Tales

By: Jolyn and William Sharp

Check it out on the stand outside the sanctuary next to the doors going into the Social Hall.