

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



Trip the Light Fantastic

As a boy, I loved watching the lights on our Christmas tree. Sometimes we used lights that came on and went off at different intervals. And sometimes we used the bulbs that remained on all the time. We even had a carousel with five different colored wedges that continually turned lighting up the entire area around the tree with a plethora of colors. I would lay on the floor for hours and gaze at the tree. There was something very calming and soothing about those lights.

Is it any wonder the Lord Jesus is associated with light. On one occasion He said, "I am the light of the world" (Jn. 8:12). He came to give us light so that we would not walk in darkness. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul exhorted believers to "walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8). You see the light is not there just for us to enjoy, but for us to use. We can use the light to encourage us, to direct us, and to point people to Jesus. Paul told the Philippian believers they were lights to a "crooked and perverse generation" (Col. 2:15). We are not to SEE the light only we are expected to BE the light to other people. Jesus is the light of the world and we are reflectors of that light.

No wonder I love to see lights. In those little bulbs of glowing warmth, I find hope. Hope that I can be and do more than I ever imagined possible. Hope that I can experience a close, intimate relationship with the God of the universe thru His Son Jesus. Hope that I might be able to help other people find their way to faith in Christ. As we make our way to Christmas day, I hope you will enjoy all the glitter associated with the season. But each time you see a Christmas light of any kind, I pray you will think about Jesus who is the light of the world. Merry Christmas!

Pastor Larry

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM



SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9
9:00-11:00am

*Free Pancake Breakfast and
a visit from a "Special Guest"*



SONSHINE CLASS
LUNCH WITH SANTA
DECEMBER 9
11:00AM—1:00PM
SOCIAL HALL @FBCC

*Come join us for lunch, crafts and Christmas songs.
Jolly old Santa will be there to hand out stockings*

Fieldale-Collinsville Rescue Squad

Appreciation Lunch

Saturday, December 9

12:30pm



We need volunteers to help with the set-up and clean-up. You will need to be at the Rescue Squad building by 11:30am. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the Bulletin Board outside Christian's office if you would like to help.

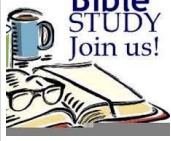
CHRISTMAS MORNING APPRECIATION BREAKFAST FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 8:00AM-10:00AM



FBCC is preparing breakfast for all Law Enforcement working on Christmas Day. We will be serving the ones who can come by to eat and taking breakfast out to the ones who can not leave their job.

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help cook, set-up, serve, clean-up, etc. We need the volunteers who plan to help with cooking and set up to be here by 7:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Martin.



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

709 Shoeboxes Collected!

THANK YOU for making it possible for more children around the world to hear about God's Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the prayers that you offered up as you packed your shoeboxes. Please continue to pray that the right child will get what you packed just for that child and that all of them will feel the love of Jesus as they open their shoeboxes. Pray for the volunteers at the packing warehouses and the trained volunteers who will share the Gospel as they hand out the shoeboxes at the outreach events. Lets praise the Lord that 209 million boys and girls have heard God's Word through Operation Christmas Child and that 50 million children have been disciplined through programs such as The Greatest Journey. Let's give the Lord all the glory!! May God bless you and your family for giving.
 Thanks, *Shirley*

LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE IS OPEN

The Lottie Moon Post Office is now open for your convenience. The Post Office is open from Dec. 3-24. Please bring all your cards that you would like to exchange with other church members and leave them on the table. We ask that you give 10cents a card as a donation to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please use the U.S. Post Office to mail cards to our shut-ins.

NEEDED : VAN DRIVER



FBCC is in need of a Van Driver for transporting participants to/from church, who are unable to attend otherwise. **This is a paid position.** If interested please contact the Church Office at 276-647-3774.

October Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	55,570
Monthly Budget Offering Received	38,037
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (undesig. memorials, use of building, etc.)	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	35,954
Non Budget Expenses (Glass Door & LED Sign)	20,665
Operating Account Balance	310,852
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	6,643
Benevolence Fund	1,709
Project Hope	1,461
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	73,886

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:

Mark Cox, brother of Brenda Hagood
 Tracy Kennett, brother of Mike Kennett
 Vivian Fisher, sister of Harold Belcher
 Betty Lemons, mother of Ron Lemons
Harold Nofsinger member of FBCC and friend of many
Bonnie Shelton, wife of Sammy Shelton
Robert Divers, member of FBCC and friend of many

Evangelism/Mission Development

Please join us Sunday Morning at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor for our weekly prayer for our church. We will break in time for everyone to get to their classes.

Thank you for the tremendous outpouring toward the Christmas Hope Packs for inmates and staff of our local jails. We collected \$752.00 in last months special offering.

Our quarterly movie will be at 4:00 Sunday January 7 in the Sanctuary. Our movie will be 'The Ultimate Gift', a movie about a grandfather who understood what Jesus meant when He said He came that we may have life more abundantly.

LOTTIE MOON HONORARIUM & MEMORIALS

If you would like to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor or memory of a loved one, you can include that information on your offering envelope or drop it off at the church office by December 18th. We will place a list in the bulletin on Sunday, December 24th acknowledging these gifts.

FBCC Library Book of the Month

"O Little Town of Sugarcreek"

By: Amy Lillard



Christmastime has come to Sugarcreek, but the sleepy Ohio town is anything but calm. When the Millers' daughter Sarah leaves her Enlich husband and returns home, Cheryl finds herself wondering what more could happen to spoil her Christmas cheer? A lot, evidently. The town is turned upside down as it discovers there's a thief in their midst. Can Cheryl find the real criminal in time to bring back the joy of her first Christmas in Sugarcreek?

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—October 31, 2023)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. 2022 donations to Capital Campaign	76,124.91
Jan.—Sept. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$27,764.41
October 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 9,326.25
Total Received	\$150,045.57
Total spent for Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Fund Balance	\$73,885.57



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

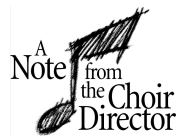
The Loving Hands Ministry is going strong. We are hard at work knitting, crocheting, sewing and using our hands to make items for the *Shoe Boxes* and to donate to *local nursing homes, the Ravenel Breast Cancer Center, the Oncology Dept., Mt. Valley Hospice, the Warming Center, Foster Children and in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



In Biblical times, people were waiting for a King who had been prophesied by such Godly men as Isaiah, but they were looking with the wrong eyes – they expected crowns and regal processions – never a baby born in an animal

trough. It's not very different today. People are searching for this holiday time to bring them a little peace in a world of suffering, a little brightness in a world of darkness, a little hope in a world of despair, but they are looking with the wrong eyes. They are looking to lights on the tree with lots of brightly covered packages surrounding it, to Christmas Hallmark movies, shopping, and Santa himself. Those are beautiful, but they are only temporary fillers – January always comes – and the magic of Christmas seems to disappear. BUT GOD – through His amazing love for us - brings majesty to our lives today and everyday still through that small baby boy born in an animal trough – the Majesty of Christmas brought to life to be “a light in a dark land.”

On Sunday morning, December 17, come and experience *The Majesty of Christmas*, a Christmas cantata by Phil Barfoot. Hear the songs of joy, hope, peace, and praise as we worship together in celebration of Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. God promises to fill that void in our lives that can't be done through the eyes of the world's Christmas but through the heart filled with God's love.

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.

December Grace Network Food Item

Sugar (4 lb.)

December Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Bath Soap

Christmas Greetings from the Lighthouse!

I was 7 or 8 years old living with my mom and two sisters. It was the first Christmas morning living in our new home. I tip toed out of my bedroom and to my pleasant surprise there it was. A brand-new shiny bike with amazing black and orange plastic pieces attached to it saying Harley Davidson. It was surrounded by lots of other gifts but nothing was as awesome as that gift. I could not wait to get outside that day with my brand-new Harley Davidson bike and show it off with my friends!

I can just imagine the same feeling was felt by the many wisemen who traveled from a far bringing their own gifts but the best gift given to the world was to be seen by them. Of course, they were excited to give their own gift but the world was receiving the best gift of all in that of the Baby Jesus.

Do you have a favorite memory of Christmas morning? Maybe it's a new doll, a new Gaming system or computer, maybe its clothes, or even a new bike like mine. As much as I loved waking up that morning to a new bike, what makes every Christmas morning extremely special is knowing that we celebrate the birth of that special baby Jesus. My prayer is that you will understand the Gospel really is “that simple” and it all began with Jesus coming to earth in the form of a Baby. Its the most important gift we will ever receive and it's the only gift that we can take with us to Heaven. Now go out and show it off and allow others to enjoy the gift just as you are.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
 Isaiah 9:6

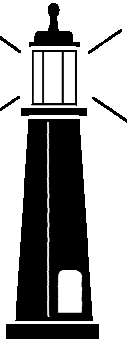
Upcoming Youth Events

Dec 17: Youth Progressive Dinner and Christmas Party

Come join us as we celebrate Christmas together. It will begin at 4 as we travel to three different homes of members of our church. We will enjoy a different part of a meal in each home. We will conclude our evening with a party in the lighthouse. Gifts, games, cookies, and fun will all go down as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. You will not want to miss this.

January 20th. Liberty Basketball Game

Do you like basketball? Well this is your opportunity to join us as we watch the Liberty Flames take on the Sam Houston Bearkats. The cost is only \$10 plus money for food. We will leave the church at 4pm and return by 10:30. Don't miss this opportunity



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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

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Organization
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit No. 5

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2023 Birthdays

- 28 Nic Houston
- 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
- 15 Beverly Inman
- 15 Taurinia Martin
- 18 Talyn Andrews
- 18 Jerry Robertson
- 18 Leslie Houston
- 20 Sue Ella Ferguson
- 20 Martha Newman
- 23 John Mayberry
- 23 Rebecca Vernon
- 26 Robert Divers
- 27 Faye Collins
- 27 Shirley Pagans
- 27 Michelle Pace
- 28 Gary Walker
- 28 Walt Shaw
- 28 Robbie Wilson

January 2024 Birthdays

- 01 Sharon Anderson
- 01 David Conner
- 01 William Wagoner
- 02 David Duke
- 02 David Joyce
- 02 Bill Wagoner
- 06 Jamie Collins
- 06 Carri Turner
- 06 Lacey Flanagan
- 06 Jackson Crane
- 07 Carolyn Bowles
- 07 Vhris Rivera

- 07 Lena Rivera
- 10 Carol Webb
- 10 Harold Belcher

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

January 2024 Anniversaries

- 06 Bill and Susan Wagoner

Dates to Remember....

Dec. 05: Iva Turner Group

Dec. 05: Phyllis Creasy Group

Dec. 09: Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 11: Ladies Card Ministry

Dec. 12: Betty Westover Group

Dec. 25: Christmas Day
FBCC Office Closed

Dec. 26: FBCC Office Closed

Dec. 31: 5-Alive Sunday

Jan. 01: FBCC Office Closed

Jan. 02: Iva Turner Group

Jan. 02: Phyllis Creasy Group

Jan. 08: Ladies Card Ministry



The church Office will be closed on Mon, Dec. 25 and Tues., Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas. Pastor Larry, Pastor Christian, Sandy, Ruby, Penny, Kim, Paige and Sarah would like to wish each of you a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

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