

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



From Slow to Glow

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!" (Lk. 24:25)

Today's verse is from Luke's account of the resurrection of Christ. These were the words Jesus spoke to the two disciples He encountered on the road to Emmaus. People often associate faith with their heads. If we can see it—we can believe it. But that is not faith at all. Faith in what is seen is nothing more than confirmation of head knowledge.

Jesus connects faith with the heart. He said in the Parable of the Seed, that the kernels which fell by the wayside were when someone, "*hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart*" (Mt. 13:19). The heart is involved in receiving and understanding the truth. Truth does not fully register that does not make it to the heart. Knowledge is seeing with one's eyes that leads to believing in one's heart. Faith, on the other hand, is believing in one's heart that leads to seeing with one's eyes.

Notice how the encounter with Jesus ends. As the trio walked along the road Jesus began to share prophecy about Himself from the Scripture (Lk. 24:27). But it was not until Jesus broke bread and gave it to them that they recognized Him. After Jesus left, "*They said to one another, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking with us on the road and opening the Scriptures to us?'*" (Lk. 24:32).

When our hearts connect the truth with Jesus, a passion for both Him and His holy word will arise in us. Then we will be ready to effectively serve our Lord Jesus Christ. My prayer for all of us this Easter is that a passion for the things of God will begin in us that no one or nothing in this world can extinguish. Happy Easter!!

Pastor Larry

Children's Ministry Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30

11:00am-12:30pm

Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30

1:00pm—2:30pm



Easter Sunday Special

March 31

We have a special morning planned for Easter Sunday, March 31. After the sunrise service, we will have coffee and doughnuts in the Social Hall. Following Sunday School, we will have music from 10:30-11:00 to start our worship time with praise and celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We want the world—especially Collinsville, VA—to know that He is Alive, He is Alive, He Is Alive!!!!

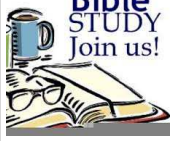


DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

TIME BEGINS

SUNDAY MARCH 10

Be Sure to set your clocks up one hour before you go to bed Saturday night



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



1,000 SHOEBOXES
Our Goal for 2024

We have been challenged by the children to pack 1,000 shoeboxes for the year of 2024. We really need your help. Remember if you like packing your own boxes you are still encouraged to do so. If you would like to help supply items, we could use your help. The children and youth will be responsible for the packing of these boxes. Each month we will collect different items. However, if you want to contribute something that you don't see on the shopping list, we will include them in our packing.

There will be tubs underneath the tapestry for you to place the items in. We will remove them on a weekly basis and store them in a room in the church where we can lock the items up.

Thank you again for supporting the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project. We covet your prayers for this ministry.

Suggested March items: Quality Crafts: paint sets, paintable objects, craft beads, craft sticks with glue, etc.



VBS—Breaker Rock Beach

June 9-12

Questions? See Suzanne Terry or Rebecca Vernon

January Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	44,944
Monthly Budget Offering Received	38,758
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income (undesig. memorials, use of building, etc.)	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	37,800
Non Budget Expenses (LED Sign—Electrical License	-0-
Operating Account Balance	290,851
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	7,683
Benevolence Fund	1,209
Project Hope	430
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	87,259

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:

Joshua Vernon, cousin of Rebecca Vernon
 Earl Hodges, father-in-law of Brenda Webb Hodges

Ignite Men's Conference 2024

Friday, March 8th—5pm

Saturday, March 9th



WOMEN ON MISSIONS

WMU Covered Dish Meal

Tuesday, March 12 @ 6:00pm

FBCC Social Hall

Bobbi and I delivered the totes for the Foster children On Tuesday, February 27. We had 2 full totes and some gift cards. They were so excited to receive these items! I am so proud to be a part of this and anytime you would like to go I promise you will be blessed!

Our Mission action for March is the Annie Armstrong Offering and the goal is 5,000.00. Give as the Lord leads you.

We are all meeting together March 12th at 6:00 for our annual covered dish and our guest speaker will be from God's Pit Crew. Bring whatever you like to share.

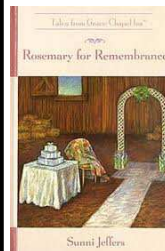
May God continue to bless this ministry as we share his love in our community and our state.

Blessings to all,
 Lana, Hope, Bobbi and Kim 🥰

FBCC Library Book of the Month

Tales from Grace Chapel Inn
Rosemary for Remembrance

By: Sunni Jeffers



As the Howard sisters plan a weekend retreat to cure everyone's cabin fever, Samuel Bellwood is busy planning a Valentine's Day surprise for his wife. Meanwhile, Jane helps newcomers Kristin and Blair Casey feel welcome in Acorn Hill; will she learn more about the couple than she anticipated? Come to Acorn Hill, where the warm friendships and everlasting love chase the winter blues away! -

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—January 31,2024)

Received thru Building Improvement Fund	\$36,830.00
March-Dec. 2022 donations to Capital Campaign	\$76,124.91
Jan.—Dec. 2023 donations to Capital Campaign	\$45,933.16
January 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 4,531.25
Total Received	\$163,419.32
Total spent for Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Fund Balance	\$87,259.32



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.

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



SENIOR ADULT TRIP

On the road again! On **March 11**, the senior adults are heading to Hamrick's in Greensboro for a fun morning of shopping! This is Senior's Week at Hamrick's so we may find some special deals along the way. After shopping we will enjoy lunch together before heading home.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the church office. **We will leave the church at 8:00am**

Greetings from the Lighthouse

Winter is winding down and Spring will be here come March 19th. It's hard to believe that. As a child I absolutely loved the winter time. I could talk about all the big snow storms we had growing up in Central Pennsylvania and just outside of Philadelphia. In 1993 and 1996 we got over 2 feet of snow. We made piles of snow we could jump in and igloos, snowmen, of course we went sledding and had snow ball fights. I could recall snow storms where me and friends would walk up and down the streets offering to shovel people's driveways for 5 or 10 dollars.

These past couple winters have been different. I am a weather nerd so I would often pay attention to the forecast and get excited every time snow showed up. My excitement would soon turn into disappointment though as each time it was forecasted it would change to rain or go away all together. This reminds me of the return of Christ.

Many people will try and forecast the return of Christ but if you understand the Bible correctly no one knows the day or time not even Jesus himself. With that being said the return of Christ. Is unknown Have you ever experienced a surprise snow storm of maybe 3, 4 or 5 inches. It catches people off guard and causes major headaches for travel. That's exactly how the return of Christ will be for those who are not prepared and ready. The return of Christ in the forecast is inevitable. We must always be prepared for that. As believers we are ready but are your neighbors. Are your family members, and friends. There will be no disappointment or change in forecast on his return but if we are not prepared there will be more than just travel headaches. Now is the time to prepare and share. 1 Thessalonians 5:2 says *For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.* My prayer is that you are doing what it takes to reach those who need Jesus.

Many Blessings

Pastor Christian

Mark Your Calendar

- March 10th Fuge Camp Sign Ups Begin
- March 16th 8:30am Humble Hands
- March 17th 5pm Dinner & Movie in the Lighthouse
- March 24th Youth Encounter
- March 30th 10am Help with Easter Egg Hunt
- March 31st Easter – No Youth group

Evangelism/Mission Development

We have two events happening in March, and another in April that you will want to put on your calendar. Also, realize that these are meant to be public outreach events. So, please invite friends, family and neighbors to join us.

Sunday, March 3 - 4:00-5:30 pm - We will have a visitor from the past, William Clark, coming to share with us about how the Lewis and Clark Expedition eventually led him to call for the Church to send missionaries to the Indian Tribes of the Pacific Northwest. You won't want to miss this never before told story from one of the most beloved figures in American history.

Sunday, March 10 - 4:00-5:30 pm - We will have a workshop on 'Communicating Beyond the Rapture'. The purpose is to help us look at how we can share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to loved ones after we're gone, whether that be of our natural passing or supernaturally through the coming Rapture of the Church.

Saturday, April 13 - Our upcoming quarterly movie will be on a Saturday in the social hall so that we can invite the whole family to come and enjoy the movie with popcorn and drinks. The movie, 'The Big Fix', is a comical, but intriguing, movie about a typical church-going family with perhaps a few more than typical family issues.

Grace Network

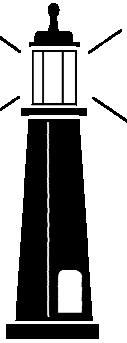
As a church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

March Grace Network Food Item

Juice (40-64oz.)

March Featured Items

Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent



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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
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Permit No. 5

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2024 Birthdays

- 01 Pat Cobb
- 01 Deborah Treherne
- 02 Jay Knighton
- 02 Rick Wright
- 03 Gunnar Robertson
- 03 Jase Ramsey
- 04 Angela Brunner
- 05 Mollie Shelton
- 05 Charlie Fickling
- 05 Jose Cedillo
- 05 Eli Martin
- 05 LeeAnna Ferguson
- 06 Susan Rorrer
- 07 Joyce Jacobs
- 07 Catherine Privette
- 08 Sharon Belcher
- 09 Kellie Powell
- 09 Stacy Craven
- 12 Neil Ramsey
- 13 John Anthony (IV)
- 14 James Dodson
- 15 Madison Ferguson
- 15 Carlos Cedillo
- 16 Lucas Draper
- 17 Timothy Hatchett
- 17 Robert Ramsey
- 20 Merleen Beale
- 20 Jose Castro
- 21 Calla Mayberry
- 21 Katie Houston
- 22 Jimmy Anderson
- 24 Jason Collins
- 25 Brenda Hagood
- 27 Judy Dodson
- 28 Megan Chilton
- 29 Blayke Collins
- 29 Hunter Whitlow
- 30 Ellen Prato
- 30 Ralph Shropshire
- 30 Noah Dotson

April 2024 Birthdays


- 01 Marietta Gunter
- 02 Pam Albanese
- 03 Debbie Hancock
- 05 Teddy Belcher
- 06 Sharon Barrow
- 07 Karen Castro
- 07 Noah Castro

March 2024 Anniversaries

- 01 Arthur & Marci Emberson
- 01 Ken & Becky Wagoner
- 04 Tommy & Jen Nance
- 05 Tim & Michelle Pace
- 11 Larry & Jan Cheek
- 15 Tim & Pat Gauldin
- 19 Greg & Shirley Craven
- 29 Tim & Sandy Gary

April 2024 Anniversaries

- 01 John & Sherry Flanagan
- 02 David & Malanie Catron
- 08 Jamie & Denise Collins
- 09 Jason & Paige Collins
- 18 B illy & Carrie Pinnix
- 24 Alex & Angie Alley
- 25 J. D. & Joan Collins



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

40 Day Prayer Vigil

The Henry County Baptist Association Executive Council has asked its member churches to pray about the future of the Association. We have reached a crossroads in which a decision must be made to either seek an Associational Missionary (DOM) to lead us forward, remain as we are at the present, or disband the Association. I would like to hear how you feel about these options. Please contact me with your thoughts before the next Associational meeting in April. Thanks for your thoughts. (Pastor Larry)

THANK YOU!!

The staff of FBCC would like to thank the WMU for a wonderful meal on February 21. The food was great and the fellowship made the time even better. We are so thankful to serve a church family that loves and takes such good care of us. Thank you for your support and your friendship. We love our church family. God Bless you all. (Pastor Larry, Pastor Christian, Sandy, Ruby, Paige, & Sarah)