

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

Anticipating Change



Most of you may not know that I was diagnosed with sleep apnea a while back. Recently, I started sleeping with a breathing machine. The first night I put the mask on, my dogs looked at me like I was the creature from the Black Lagoon rising up out of the water. Since that time the dogs have gotten used to seeing me in the mask. I, on the other hand, am still trying to adjust to sleeping with the apparatus. I have no doubt that I will get to the point where I sleep better, but until then I have to keep adapting to this change in my life.

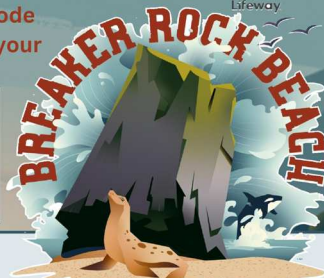
There is a great deal of adjusting that takes place throughout the lifetime of an individual. We adjust to living in a family unit; going to school with people we do not know; working at a new place or with a new boss. There will be changes in our health, finances, and relationships. As time goes by we change how we look, think, and live. Sometimes it seems like all we ever do is adapt to change.

While change is an integral part of living in this world. It is also a component of living a Godly life. From the time John the Baptist began preaching, his message was "repent for the kingdom of God is near" (Mt. 3:2). Repentance calls for a change. It basically refers to turning around and going in the opposite direction. Jesus went as far as to say those who refuse to repent will die (Luke 13:3). Jesus expects us to change. In fact, it is the Lord Who enables us to change. Paul told the Colossians, "This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace" (Col. 1:23, NLT). God does not want change just for the sake of changing. A change in our hearts will lead to a change in our lives. And how we live will determine how we experience God now, and in eternity to come. The last thing that happens to believers in this world is change. Paul wrote, "All the Christians who have died will suddenly become alive, with new bodies that will never, never die; and then we who are still alive shall suddenly have new bodies too" (1 Cor. 15:52-53, TLB). Not all change is bad!

While the impetus to change comes from God, the decision to change is completely up to us. Have you allowed the Lord to change your heart and life?

Pastor Larry

Scan the QR code to preregister your child:



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
GOD'S ROCK SOLID TRUTH IN A WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS

First Baptist Church of Collinsville
Invites You to Join Us for VBS
June 9-12
6:00-8:30 pm
Ages: 2 years old-6th grade

We will have snacks, games, crafts, worship, bible study, music, missions, and lots of fun each night!

Please check out our VBS table to volunteer, sign up for a shirt, pick up a prayer checklist and our daily stories/ theme. Making decorations on Monday nights at 4:30 (come when you can) Work for a couple of hours. Go to the VBS room on the 2 1/2 floor across from the bathrooms. Supplies needed: toilet paper or paper towel rolls, variety of sizes of empty and clean food cans.

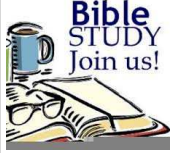
Outdoor worship service Sunday, May 5:

10:30am: Please join us and bring your lawn chairs and sun glasses as we worship at the Picnic Shelter
(We will not have a meal this time)



Mother's Day Sunday, May 12

Be sure to take a few minutes out of this special day to visit, call, text or whatever means you want to use to give your mother or that special someone sweet words of how much you appreciate and love them



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.

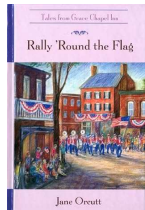
There will be tubs underneath the tapestry for you to place the items in. We will remove them on a weekly basis and store them in a room in the church where we can lock the items up.

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

Suggested MAY item: Personal Care Items:

Combs, Brushes, Wrapped Toothbrushes, Water Bottles, Wash Cloths, Soap, Etc. (NO lotion or toothpaste)

FBCC Library Book of the Month



Tales from Grace Chapel Inn

Rally 'Round the Flag

By: Jane Orcutt

It's time to bring out the ol' patriotic spirit when three lively World War II Vets check in at Grace Chapel Inn and march in the annual Veterans Day parade.

March Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	56,180
Monthly Budget Offering Received	46,914
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	45,620
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	288,118
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	8,262
Benevolence Fund	1,122
Project Hope	560
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	92,967

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:

Nancy McGhee, wife of the late Dale McGhee
Judd White, husband of Leta Voss White
Danny Robertson, brother of Jerry Robertson
Linda Gigel, cousin of Jen Nance

New Contact Information

Merleen Beale: Cell Phone No. 276-224-0920



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.



Melinda Isley
Sunday, May 19

On Sunday morning, May 19, Melinda Isley and her ensemble will return to help lead us in worship for Graduation Sunday. Our congregation was blessed by Melinda's testimony and her group's gift of music, and they felt the Lord calling them to come back. We are so excited to have them, and we hope that you will invite your friends to come and be a part of our special service that day.

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—March 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
Jan. –Feb. 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$6,362.50
March 2024 donation to Capital Campaign	\$3,876.25
Total Received	\$169,126.82
Less Total spent for Roof	\$76,160.00
Capital Fund Balance	\$92,966.82

WOMEN ON MISSION



Women on Mission, thank you for all the goodies for the teachers at Campbell Court! They were so thankful for your thoughtfulness!

Our mission action for May is God's Pit Crew and each circle is collecting personal items for women and if you like, donations are also acceptable. Please have them to me or at the church by May 30th. I appreciate all you do for those in need! Our program of service is vital, as we share God's love to different situations in different areas. May God bless you as you serve.

In His love, *Lana, Bobbi, Hope and Kim.*

(I will have a box or tote available to collect these items. It will be placed outside the office)

Called Business Meeting

The Church Council recommends that we upgrade our Security System by adding 24 additional cameras throughout the church. This will cost approximately \$29,000.00 and would be spent from the General Fund as a non-budgeted expense.

There will be a called business meeting on **Wednesday, May 8 at 6:45pm** in the Sonshine Class to discuss this proposal.

If the discussion is favorable, a vote will be held on Sunday morning May 19th.

Evangelism/Mission Development

Our Saturday showing of 'The Big Fix' as our quarterly movie was received well. We had 23 people there. We are grateful to the Living Word Studios, subsidiary of Living Word Family Church of Wake Forest, NC for waving their royalties to allow us to show it in our church.



What is God Doing in My Life?

If you are going to be around through the summer and would like to learn more about how God shapes us as His children, we will start a class called, "What On Earth Is God Doing In My Life?" as part of the Sunday afternoon programs starting the Sunday after Father's Day. This class will give you clarity on things you are experiencing, but you have been unable to find an explanation. Scan the QR Code to learn more about the class. If you are interesting in taking this course, please text Rocky so he can start getting the necessary resources together. (276-224-0979)

We continue to have prayer for the church at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, 1/2 hour before the start of Sunday School. Please join us in the conference room on 2nd floor.

Remember to pick up your Gospel supplies in the racks in the church foyer or in the library.

Greetings from the Lighthouse

Spring Storms

Just a few weeks ago my daughter and I had an opportunity to travel to Ohio for the Solar Eclipse. We were so excited and made videos and took pictures to document our journey. Almost the entire trip was a great experience that we would love to do all over again minus one town we drove through.

Our journey to Wapakoneta took us through a small town called Indian Lake. Right from the moment we arrived we noticed something very different. The trees had no spring leaves and several were topped as well as extensive damage to the campsites on the lake and the homes in the community. I knew from the get go that this town had experienced some really bad spring thunderstorms. Sure, enough upon further research the town experienced an EF3 tornado killing three people and causing thousands of dollars in damage just a few weeks prior

My daughter and I love to sit and watch storms roll in wherever we are. The sounds of the rain and wind and the flashes of lighting that can make night seem like day are something we enjoy. However, storms can often have a major impact and cause massive interruption to our every lives. It can even kill people. How can something be both beautiful and dangerous?

Often in life in the moment we experience storms we ask God why he would allow such tragic things to interrupt our beautiful life. Everything seems to be going great. Our business is booming, our family life is amazing, school is going well, we are healthy and then boom out of nowhere a storm of life wreaks havoc. Why?

If we stopped relying on God, He has to find some way to grab our attention. If life was always rainbows and unicorns we would have no reason to trust in God. As believers as much as we don't like to weather the storms of life, its these very storms that help us grow in our walk with Christ. 1 Peter 5:7 says to Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you. Proverbs 3:5-6 talks about Trusting completely in God and He will direct your paths. Psalm 34:4 says I sought the LORD, and he answered me, He delivered me from all my fears. My prayer for all of you is that you allow God to help you weather the spring storms of life.

May/June Dates to remember

12th Mothers Day No Youth

19th Youth Sunday.

26th Memorial Day weekend NO Youth

June 6th Tackle Box Thursday (Fishing/Lake Lanier)

June 9th-12th. VBS Youth Sign up to volunteer

June 24th Mustang Monday (Baseball Game)

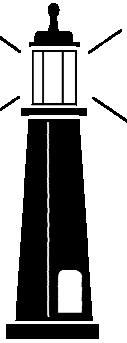
Grace Network

MAY FOOD ITEM

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MAY FEATURE ITEMS

**Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste,
Individually Wrapped Toothbrushes**



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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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Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2024 Birthdays

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| 22 Tina Maxey |
| 01 Bailey France |
| 02 Carrie Williams |
| 02 Agnes VanHulzen |
| 03 Ann Thomason |
| 04 Tim Atwood |
| 04 Sidney Lavinder |
| 04 Wendy Gilbert |
| 04 Tami Olaiya |
| 05 Hope Johnson |
| 05 Allison Prato |
| 05 Michael Walker |
| 05 Alan Teal |
| 06 Keith Eggleston |
| 06 Dee Webb |
| 07 Sarah France |
| 07 Carolyn Maydian |
| 07 Shelly Gibson |
| 07 Savannah Lund |
| 11 Pamela Jones |
| 11 Sylvia McKinney |
| 13 Parker Tuck |
| 14 Everett Lawson |
| 17 Temple Mays |
| 18 Wendy Watkins |
| 18 Katrell Ramsey |
| 19 Marci Emberson |
| 20 Shirley Hodges |
| 21 Jessica Shelton |
| 21 Hank Joyce |

June 2024 Birthdays

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| 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 Dustin Beckner |
| 06 Steve Edwards |
| 06 Becky Fontaine |
| 06 Sarah Lester |


May 2024 Anniversaries

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| 01 Roger & Judy Dodson |
| 05 Sidney & Betty Lavinder |
| 05 Jason & Andrea Shoemaker |
| 06 Ricky & Sharon Anderson |
| 07 Steve & Leslie Houston |
| 09 Jeff & Wendy Watkins |
| 16 Brad & Sue Ella Ferguson |
| 16 Tom & Ellen Prato |
| 17 Robert & Kit Scott |
| 20 Jimmy & Pam Joyce |
| 20 Jason & Andrea Shoemaker |
| 23 Alan & Elizabeth Teal |
| 29 Scott & Suzanne Terry |
| 30 Wayne & Becky Johnson |

June 2024 Anniversaries

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| 02 Chas & Phyllis Geramita |
| 05 Joe & Tina Haskins |
| 05 Scott & Tonia Patterson |
| 08 Dale & Debbie Hancock |

**National Day
of Prayer
Thursday,
May 2
6:00pm
Jack Dalton Park**



Dates to Remember

- May 02:** National Day of Prayer
Jack Dalton Park @ 6:00pm
- May 05:** Outdoor Worship Service
- May 05:** Awana Grand Prix
- May 06:** Good News Jail Ministry
Banquet
- May 08:** Called Business Meeting
- May 12:** Mother's Day
- May 19:** Youth Sunday
Melinda Isley /Special
Music during morning worship
- May 21:** WMU Council Meeting
- May 27:** Memorial Day/Church
Office Closed
- May 28:** Finance & Church Council Mtg.
- June 08:** Special Needs VBS
- June 06:** Tackle Box Thursday/
Youth Fishing @ Lake Lanier
- June 9-12:** VBS Week
- June 16:** Father's Day
- June 24:** Youth to Mustang Game
- June 30:** 5 Alive (5th Sunday)
Special Music by "The Branches"