

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints

## A CONVERSATION WITH GOD



Have you ever had a conversation with God? Note, I did not ask if you ever prayed to God. There is a big difference in these two actions. Prayer is wonderful and we are encouraged to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17). But prayer is not a conversation. A conversation involves two different beings. When I have a conversation with Jan both she and I are injecting our thoughts and opinions about a particular topic. When I pray to God, I am the only one talking. Please don’t misunderstand me, prayer is vital to our lives as God’s children. However, just as important is a regular conversation with God. But how does that work?

We speak to God by sharing our thoughts, desires, needs, dreams, bewilderment, frustrations and a plethora of other human emotions with Him in prayer. But for the communication to be a conversation we must give God time to respond. How, you might ask. Well God can speak to us in several ways. First, He can speak thru His word. It is literally “breathed out” from the very mind of God (2 Tim. 3:16). It is not all God knows. But it is all we need to know for the time being. This is why it is imperative believers read, study, and meditate on the Word of God. Second, the Bible says that in the last days God has spoken thru His Son, Jesus (Heb. 1:1-2). We are able to understand things about life, death, God, our world, and ourselves by reading the things Jesus said and did as recorded in the Gospels. Third, God speaks to us thru the Holy Spirit. When we are saved, He comes to live inside us (Jn. 14:17). Jesus said that The Holy Spirit would “guide us into all truth” (Jn. 16:13). God’s Spirit speaks to us through our conscience, helping us make the right decisions. Fourth, God often speaks to us thru nature. Paul tells us that because of creation, there is no excuse for people not knowing God or understanding things about God (Rom. 1:20). This is a regular way in which I hear God speak to me. I am forever being taught life lessons by watching something in nature.

There may be other ways in which God can speak to us (circumstances, other people, etc.), but we must be careful to not misinterpret the message thru those sources. What I want you to know is that we can have a real, meaningful conversation with God. The only thing keeping us from that is us. Take time each day to spend some personal, private time with the Father. You will be glad you did. Thanks friends. God bless and keep you.

*Pastor Larry*

## September 14



*“Inasmuch as you did it (fed the hungry, healed the sick clothes the naked, visited the imprisoned) you did it for me.”*

*Mt. 25:40*

On this day we, along with other churches, will become the hands and feet of Jesus. If you know of anyone in our community who needs assistance with anything they cannot do for themselves, please contact Shirley Craven.

There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board across from the Sunshine class where you can sign up to take part in this ministry.

We are collecting canned goods, Tissues, Chapsticks, Emory Boards, Chewing Gum, Small Candies, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Small Deodorant & Shampoo, and Dental Floss. Please help if you can!  
(Donation boxes located under the Tapestry)

## Fall Ladies Bible Study

### “HOSEA”



Sun., Sept. 8—Sun., Oct. 20

4:00pm-5:30pm

It’s about time for our fall Ladies Bible study. So beginning Sunday, Sept. 8 and running for 7 weeks through Sun. Oct. 20 from 4-5:30pm we will study the prophet Hosea and Gomer, the prostitute and their God ordained marriage. Really???? Through their action we see a picture of the nation Israel and our loving God. WOW! Be sure to sign up. Study guides are \$16 and payable at the first class, Sept. 8.

## 5Alive Sunday

September 29.

Social Hall

9:00 - 9:30

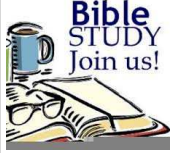
coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

*We will have special music during the morning  
Worship Service.*





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



**1,000 SHOEBOXES  
Our Goal for 2024**

Thank You for all your support of the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. The shoeboxes go into more than 100 receiving countries. The shoeboxes are used by local Christians in sharing the love of Jesus with a child. More important than the items inside the shoeboxes, the gifts are an opportunity to share God's love and the Good News of Jesus Christ -- with the children in need. The unexpected gift delights and sparks hope in the life of a child as they hear of Jesus' love for them. Get ready because it soon will be time for us to pack those boxes. Our Goal this year is 1,000 shoeboxes. The boxes are here and if you need your boxes to start packing please see Shirley Craven.

**For SEPTEMBER we are collecting  
GAMES (all kinds), puzzles, Dominoes, Card  
Games (Old Maid, Uno, Fish etc)**

**FBCB Library Book of the Month**  
*Flotsam & Jetsam*  
By: Deanna Julie Dodson



**Senior Adults on the Road Again.....**  
Monday, Sept.09



**GOD'S PIT CREW (Danville) leave church at 8:30am**  
Monday, Sept. 16  
**HAMRICK'S (Roanoke) leave church at 8:30am**

**July Report**

Monthly Budget Offering needed	44,944
Monthly Budget Offering Received	43,560
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	48,752
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	288,612
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	9,306
Benevolence Fund	2,070
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	61,984

*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:**

Sara Terry, mother of Scott & Suzanne Terry

**New Pictorial Directory**

A new church directory is in the works! The Portrait Café will be here **October 27 & 28** to take photos. So mark your calendars for these dates. This professionally designed directory will include family portraits of all families, and a roster of church membership names, addresses, and phone numbers. **We need all members participating** to insure that the new directory will be complete.

Families who are photographed and approve their portraits will receive a free copy of our new directory, plus a complimentary 8x10 portrait. Also, an online directory will be available as well as an App for your smart phone. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices.

Options to make your appointment are as easy as 1, 2, 3.

- 1.) **Wait for Portrait Café to call you** directly to make your appointment. Watch for an area code of 423 to appear on your telephone.
- 2.) **Make your appointment on-line at your convenience.** You can go to our church website [firstbaptistcollinsville.org](http://firstbaptistcollinsville.org) and click on the link provided on our home page.
- 3.) **Call Portrait Café directly at 1-877-896-9667 ext. 360** to make your appointment. We will try to keep you updated with any new details as we receive them.

**For those of you needing help in making an appointment, Suzanne Terry will be in the Social Hall Wednesday evening during the Wednesday night meal (thru the month of September) to help you with your appointment.**

**FALL FESTIVAL**

We will be having a Fall Festival Oct. 12th, it will be from 11am to 2pm this year. I am looking for volunteers that can help set up, take down, work at different areas needed for 1-3hours at a time. Will put out a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Also we will be doing the cake walk again, so anyone that would like to bring any baked goods would be wonderful.

*Thank You, Felecia*

**Capital Campaign Fund Summary**

( March 01, 2022—July 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. –June 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$20,178.75
July -2024 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 2,532.50
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$181,599.32</b>
<b>Less Total spent for Roof</b>	<b>-\$ 76,160.00</b>
<b>Less Initial Pmt. Parking lot repair</b>	<b>-\$ 43,455.00</b>
<b>Capital Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 61,984.32</b>

## Women on Mission....

Thank you all for the visa cards for our Missionary, Malcolm Griswold in Michigan! We still have a couple that have not turned theirs in yet. As long as we have them by the 30th of this month so Kim can send them.



It has been a blessing for me to be a part of this ministry, I have met some wonderful people, with that being said I will be stepping down as Mission Action Director and Penny Decker will be the new Director for the upcoming year. I still will be a part of our WMU, just need to breathe some new ideas into this ministry and Ms. Penny will be wonderful!

Our mission for this month is the Alma Hunt offering, each group may give as they feel led.

Thank you all for your generosity and helping out those in need abroad and in our own Country.

Happy Fall !!!

Blessings to you precious ladies for your service.  
Lana Martin



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

## Evangelism/Mission Development

Our Community Outreach 'Pizza and a Movie' event featuring 'Time Changer' on Wednesday, August 14 was attended by 60 people and seemed to be enjoyed and appreciated by all. What a Gospel message this movie put forward, along with a statement that we cannot expect to reform society with the teachings of the Lord without reference to the Lord of the teachings.

We will be starting a second round of the class 'What On Earth is God Doing in My Life?' at 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 8 as part of our Sunday afternoon Bible study program. The 8 video series will run through October 27. Take some time to talk with people who just finished the class; they'll tell you that it is a class worth taking by everyone in the church. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall outside Pastor Christian's office. We're going to cap this class at 20, so sign up soon.

We are hoping to pick up a few more committee members who want to help advance the church's evangelistic efforts. If you are interested, please see Bobbi Frazier or any other member of the Nominating Committee. Thank you for considering this opportunity to reach out to a community in need of Christ.

Remember to pick up your Gospel supplies from the racks in the church foyer or in the library. Share them with family and friends, place them in your business for customers and your doctor's office for other patients. God's Word will not return void (Isaiah 55:11). Thank you to Mike Craddock for keeping these items stocked!

## Greetings from the Lighthouse!!

### What's' Stopping you?

There are all kinds of reasons why people today are not following the mandates laid out in the Word of God. These mandates include pursuing a relationship with Christ by reading the Bible and establishing an open line of communication with God on the daily. Other mandates include being a shining city on a hill and not being afraid to tell others the reason behind radically following Christ.

The word radical often puts a bad taste in our mouths because of today's culture but the root word in and of itself is not bad when you put it in the proper context. Radical means favoring extreme changes in existing views, habits, conditions, or institutions. It's often applied to politics but let me be clear when I say this. Jesus was radical. He came to change the existing views of his time because the views people were following were sending the Jewish people in the opposite direction of where God wanted them. Jesus radically changed people's lives by opening their eyes and most importantly their hearts to the correct view and interpretation of the scriptures.

Our culture today needs some people who are willing to go from ordinary to radical. I'm not asking you to give up things you enjoy but I am asking you to radically change the way you go about your everyday life. Go to sporting events but be radically different in how you act. Go to restaurants and be radically different in how you treat others. Go to school and be radically different in how you learn. Go to your profession and be radically different in how you work. If Jesus is important to you, you will incorporate him into every part of your life. When you desire to be like Jesus in today's culture, trust me when I say this, you will be viewed as a radical. Don't be afraid but instead embrace this. Carry the cross and God will guide you every step of the way. It may not be easy but God's got your back

Romans 12:2 says Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. May we be radical in our faith by being different from the world, knowing Christ is our guide.

### Youth Events

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Operation In As Much (Details to be announced)  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Youth Service Project Sunday 4pm-5:30pm  
Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Youth Pool Party 3pm-6pm  
Sept 25<sup>th</sup> See You at the Pole @ Local Schools  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Youth Encounter 3pm-6pm

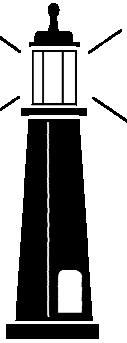
## Grace Network

### SEPTEMBER FOOD ITEM

**Apple Sauce (24-32oz. Size)**

### SEPTEMBER FEATURE ITEMS

**Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent**



**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**

**September 2024 Birthdays**

20 Rilee Harter	21 Lana Martin
01 Milton Pace	21 April Lents
01 Doris Walker	22 Ruby Meyers
02 Leah Johnson	22 Ronald Lemons
06 Doug Gibson	23 Elijah Beachy
07 George Gentry	23 Mason Ferguson
07 Kemper Terry	24 Belinda Ashworth
07 Randy Goad	24 Becky Nance
08 Sam Torian	26 Brandi Lackey
08 Tracie Slack	26 Wayne Johnson
09 Wes Martin	28 Scott Patterson
10 Delano Thomasson	29 Luke Ashworth
11 Frances Arrington	30 Luke Craven
12 Mike Womack	
12 Richard Ramsey	
12 Jordan Butchko	
12 Amanda Harter	
14 Betty Hall	
14 Danny Pagans	
15 Gail Atwood	
15 Joe Frazier	
16 Roslynn Foddrell	
17 Barbara Prillaman	
17 Sally Folk	
18 Jennifer Nance	
19 Shirley Ramsey	
20 Tim Gauldin	
20 Betty Lavinder	
20 Dickie Martin	

**October 2024 Birthdays**

01 Eddie Conner	01 Christine McAlexander
02 Scott Terry	02 Mona Turner
02 Betsy Ivey	03 Kathy Draper
04 Alex Alley	06 Katelyn Cobb
06 JoeAnn Belcher	07 Curtis Stone
07 William Blackwell	07 John Flanagan
08 Phyllis Prillaman	

**September 2024 Anniversaries**

09 Scott & Robin Spencer  
14 Doug & Bonnie Huff  
16 Pete & Kathy Draper  
23 Jerry & Judy Robertson  
26 Tommy & Lisa Houston  
26 Rick & Sharri Love  
28 Roger & Margie Woods

**October 2024 Anniversaries**

06 Tony & Helen Alley Crane  
06 Jonathan & Sarah France  
09 John & Donna Floyd  
09 Charlie & Diane Turner  
12 Tim & Gail Atwood  
16 Lucas & Taylor Draper  
17 George & Carol Gentry  
18 Paul & Sherrie Setliff  
29 Bruce & Cindy Adkins

**Church Website**

Check out our church website for all the happenings at FBCC. Just click on the "Resource Tab" to review the calendar.

**www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org**

**Dates to Remember.....**

**Sept. 02:** Labor Day—Church Office Closed  
**Sept. 03:** Phyllis Creasy Group/Hugos  
**Sept. 04:** Iva Turner Group/S. Hall  
**Sept. 8:** Ladie's Bible Study "Hosea" begins—SonShine Classroom  
**Sept. 08:** Bible Study "What on Earth is God Doing in my Life?"  
**Sept. 08:** AWANA starts back  
**Sept. 09:** Sr. Adults to God's Pit Crew/Danville  
**Sept. 09:** Ladies Card Ministry  
**Sept. 14:** HCBA Operation-In-As-Much  
**Sept. 16:** Sr. Adults to Hamrick's  
**Sept. 17:** WMU Kick-off Meeting and Meal  
**Sept. 19:** Joyce Newman Group (location to be determined)  
**Sept. 22:** Youth Pool Party  
**Sept. 23:** Finance & Church Council Meeting  
**Sept. 29:** 5 Alive Sunday/Donuts and Coffee/Social Hall  
**Sept. 29:** Youth Encounter