

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



SELF-ENCOURAGEMENT

I was reading the other morning when I came across a section in a book that made me stop and think. The following is an excerpt that I hope will get your attention as it did mine.

"The greatest book of inspiration and encouragement ever written, the Psalms, was birthed out of the heart of a man who determined he would not live in self-pity, but would put his faith in the Lord in his times of terror, and trust God to answer his prayer. David could not sit around blaming others, waiting for life to be fair and others to fight his battles. He had to stand up like a warrior in the midst of adversity and encourage himself in the Lord."

"David could not rely on others for his victory, and neither can we. As long as we are lethargic, indifferent, and lack responsibility, we will never fulfill our destiny. A warrior mentality does not exempt us from difficult circumstances, or even setbacks. It causes us to rise to a new height. It will cause us to realize that the past is dead, as God said to Joshua, *'Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise . . . every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses'*" (Josh. 1:2-3).

"What has God promised you? Do you have a vision for victory for your life? If you will live by the promises of God, meditate on His Word, and determine that you will allow nothing to keep you from becoming everything God has created you to be, then you will, indeed, develop a warrior spirit. You will stand against the forces of darkness, look them squarely in the face, and encourage yourself in the Lord. David faced adversity and said, *"I am going to pursue, overtake, and recover all"* (1 Sam. 30:8). And so will you." (Mike Evans, *A Great Awakening Is Coming*, Time-Worthy Books, Phoenix, 2020. pp. 116-117)

A warrior spirit is not something that happens. We must refuse to be defeated and remember that we do not fight our battles alone.

Thanks friends. God bless and keep you.

Pastor Larry



Fall Festival

Oct. 12th. 11am to 2pm

I am looking for volunteers that can help set up, take down, work at different areas needed for 1-3 hours at a time.

Also we will be doing the cake walk again, so anyone that would like to bring any baked goods would be wonderful.

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside Christian's office. Please take a look and see where you would like to help and sign up today.

We need help in these categories:

Set Up (10:00am); Sign-Up Tables (11am-12:30pm); Food & Drinks (11am-12:30pm & 12:30-2:00pm); Snow Cones (11am-12:30pm & 12:30-2pm); Cake Walk (11am-12:30pm & 12:30-2pm); In the Dunking Tank (11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30; Work Dunking Tank (11-12:30pm & 12:30-2:00pm); Bouncy House (11-12:30pm & 12:30-2pm); Axe Throwing (11am-12:30pm & 12:30-2 pm); Crafts (11am-12:30pm & 12:30-2pm); Prayer Tent (11:00am-2:00pm); Clean-Up (2:00pm)

New Pictorial Directory

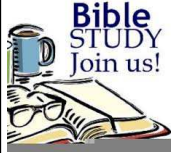
A new church directory is in the works! The Portrait Café will be here **October 27, 28, and 29** to take photos. The dates are filling up fast so, if you have not made an appointment you need to do so NOW! This professionally designed directory will include family portraits of all families, and a roster 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. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices.

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

1.) **Make your appointment on-line at your convenience.** You can go to our church website firstbaptistcollinsville.org and click on the directory banner.

2.) **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.



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



1,000 SHOEBOXES

Our Goal for 2024

It is time to start packing those shoeboxes. Our goal is 1,000 shoeboxes for the year 2024. Did you know that on average **EVERY DAY** throughout OCC that 28,775 children hear the Gospel, 8,727 children graduate for THE GREATEST JOURNEY and **6,699 children accept Jesus!** This is a wonderful ministry that wins a lot of souls for the Lord. Let's begin filling those shoeboxes. Shoeboxes will be in the front vestibule and under the tap-estry for you to take home and start filling.

Thanks to all who have given throughout the year because we have a great start on our goal of 1,000 shoeboxes.

There are items located on tables on the Post Office side of the church that have been made by the *Loving Hands Ministry*. You are welcomed to pick up some of these items to help fill up your boxes.

"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14, ESV)



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

FBCC Library Book of the Month



To Love and Cherish
By: Leslie Gould

The big event is fast approaching. With Pete & Dana's wedding less than a month away, everyone is in a frenzy with last-minute preparations. But as the wedding approaches, everything seems to be falling apart!

August Report

Monthly Budget Offering needed	44,944
Monthly Budget Offering Received	40,735
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	72,692
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	225,667
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	12,184
Benevolence Fund	2,393
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	20,787

In Sympathy:

Danny Worrell, brother of Debbie Linkous

Linda Newman, sister-in-law of Brenda Lemons

HCBA Annual Meeting

Tues., Oct. 15

Registration—4:30pm

Meal—5:00pm

Pre-Service Music 6:00pm

Oak Level Baptist Church

You are invited to attend the meeting at 6:00pm

(The meal required RSVP by Sept. 27th)

Just a Note



Have you ever heard the music of fall – each leaf color adding its harmony to the symphony of nature's perfect blend? What an awesome God to compose and direct that masterpiece for us each year!!! Revelation 4:11 says that God is worthy of our praise because He created all things. I pray that as you enjoy the wonders of fall, you are reminded to praise God in every color – some beautiful, some harsh, some dull. Our hearts can be renewed whatever note the color brings just by lifting our hearts and souls to Him.

Just as God gives us the music of fall, He also gives us the music for our hearts – a new song that fills us, and we have several opportunities for you to join us as we give our song to Him.

We have started practicing for our Christmas Cantata on Wednesday nights from 7:30 – 8:15. If you would like to join us, you can meet us in the choir room and practice for the cantata only. You don't have to be able to read music – just bring your heart of worship and that is all that is needed.

The handbell choir is going to start practicing every Sunday evening from 5:30 – 6:30 in the handbell room on the second floor beside the Adult II Sunday School class. We are excited to dust off those bells and get the ready for Christmas. You do not need to have any experience to join us.

Penny Decker



AWANA
SUNDAYS @ 4:00PM
For children 2 years to 5th Grade
Meet in the Social Hall

Capital Campaign Fund Summary

(March 01, 2022—August 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. –July 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$ 2,711.25
August -2024 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 2,257.50
Total Received	\$183,856.82
Less Total spent for Roof	-\$ 76,160.00
Total Spent for Parking lot repair	-\$ 86,910.00
Capital Fund Balance	\$ 20,786.82

Women on Mission – *By Our Love*

I love the song that was popular back in the '70s which says, "They will know we are Christians by our love." This year, our First Baptist WMU theme is By Our Love, and we have been collectively praying for God to open our eyes and hearts to see where we can share His love each month. Here are our October missions projects:

On Saturday, October 12, we will be helping with the Fall Festival. If there are any ladies who have not signed up, you can still do so on the bulletin board between the two offices. Felicia really appreciates all of the help she can get.

Sunday, October 13, a few volunteers from WMU and the Youth will be going to the Hairston Home from 3 – 4:30 to have a Fall Party with the residents. We will leave the church at 2:45.

We have really felt that our country and its present and future leaders need much prayer, especially as the elections are upon us. We will have two times that the sanctuary will be open for our church family to come in and spend some time in prayer:

Tuesday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Please enter at the front office doors)

Wednesday, October 30 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thank you, ladies, for your Christian love and willingness to serve. If there are any other ladies who would like to join one of our Missions' groups, please contact Susan Rorrer. We would love to have you share with us.
Blessings in His Name, Penny

Evangelism/Mission Development

Raceway Ministries, the two big Fall races are coming up at Martinsville Raceway, a one-day race on October 26 and the big NASCAR finals November 1-3. Raceway Ministries is in need of some new infusion from the churches in town. This opportunity is mostly driving golf carts and sharing your love of Jesus - it's fun and rewarding. See Rocky Rockwell for more details.

We're hoping to expand our evangelistic outreach. If you're interested in being part of that, please see Rocky or talk to Peggy Delancey about being added to the Evangelism committee. We'll have a meeting soon to start discussing possibilities.

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).

VBS 2025: MAGNIFIED!

Lifeway VBS Preview

Ridgecrest Conference Center

Black Mountain, NC 28711

January 31—February 1, 2025

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about VBS 2025 and this Lifeway Preview event is a great way to get started! If you work in VBS and normally lead one of the age groups, or teach, or head up crafts, music, snacks, etc., this would be a wonderful opportunity to get a jump start on what is ahead. Please see Rebecca Vernon or call the church office if you are interested in attending and would like more information.

We will need to register soon!

Greetings from the Lighthouse!!

Its 4:49pm and you just noticed the time on your watch. You realize that you have a very important meeting at 5pm but its 15 minutes away and you only have 10 minutes to get there. You rush out the door get in the car and race down the road. You know the speed limit is only 35mph on Virginia Ave but you decide to go 50 in order to make it to your meeting on time. As you are driving down the road your eyes are peeled making sure there are no Henry County deputies along the way. Finally, you see your destination in site and let go some of the urgency only to see the blue lights in your rear-view mirror. You pull over and the officer tells you that you were going 45 in a 35 and looks at your frightened face and tells you to slow down and just gives you a warning.

The story above has so many implications to your spiritual walk in life. We tend to get so busy that we forget some of the important things in our life. We then try to fix it on our own only to hit a speed trap and get caught. Whenever we try to fix things on our own, it usually results in a problem. The car breaks down, the checking account over draws, you miss an important sports event that you promised to watch and the list could go on and on. There are often consequences to our actions but sometimes God has grace.

Jeremiah 2:25 in a paraphrase from the Message by Eugene Peterson says "slow down, take a deep breath. What's the hurry? Why wear yourself out? Just what are you after anyway? In the context here it was Israel chasing after false gods' Often we get so caught up chasing after things that they can become like false gods. Then we fall hard. So slow down and remember to look to God. In the times we mess up ask God to give you grace, learn from the mistakes, repent and do better.

October events

Oct 12th Fall Festival

Oct 13th Service Project to Harriston Home with WMU (3:00pm-5:30PM)

Oct 26th Corn Maze (1:00PM-5:00PM)

Oct 27th Youth Encounter (3:00PM-5:30PM)

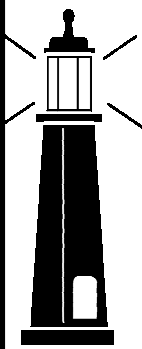
Grace Network

OCTOBER FOOD ITEM

Creamed Corn 15 oz. (not regular corn)

OCTOBER FEATURE ITEMS

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant



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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

October 2024 Birthdays

01 Eddie Conner	20 Woody Mize
01 Christine McAlexander	21 Kirk Beale
02 Scott Terry	21 Nelda Billings
02 Mona Turner	21 John Floyd, Jr.
03 Betsy Ivey	21 Kelly Jones
04 Kathy Draper	22 Chris Hatchett
06 Alex Alley	23 Britney Beverley
06 Katelyn Cobb	23 Anna (Connie) Hodges
07 JoeAnn Belcher	24 Robert Duke
07 Curtis Stone	25 Colton Collins
07 William Blackwell	25 Judy Harmon
07 John Flanagan	27 Bobby Carter
08 Phyllis Prillaman	27 Denise Collins
09 Kim Beckner	28 Mackenzie Eggleston
09 Austin Haskins	30 Arthur Emberson
09 Maddy Oliver	
09 Judy Robertson	
09 Roger Woods	
10 Will Nance	
11 Carley Mayberry	
12 Zane Forbes	
12 Justin Morris	
14 Paige Holcomb	
15 Brand Ferguson	
15 Rhett Houston	
16 Abby Quinnan	
18 Cindy Adkins	
19 Debbie McKinney	
20 Alan Brummett	

November 2024 Birthdays

01 Greg Craven
01 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
12 Sherryl Anderson
13 Ta'mell Foddrell
14 Tonia Patterson
14 Hannah Goad

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
21 Ken & Sally Folk
29 Bruce & Cindy Adkins

November 2024 Anniversaries

06 Bobby & Charlotte Harter
11 Gunner & Britney Beverley
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



Brotherhood Meeting

October 10 @ 6:pm

Social Hall

***Electing Officers for
the new year***

Dates to Remember

Oct. 08: Betty Westover Group/
S. Hall

Oct. 10: Brotherhood Meeting

Oct. 12: Fall Festival (11:00am-
2:00pm)

Oct. 14: Ladies Card Ministry

Oct. 15: HCBA Annual Mtg. @ Oak
Level Baptist Church
(Reg. @ 4:30 Meal @5:00pm)

Oct. 17: Joyce Newman Group
Destination to be determined

Oct. 23: Quarterly Business
Meeting

Oct. 27, 28, 29: New Directory
Portraits

Oct. 29: Finance & Church Council
Budget Prep. Meeting

Additional Information & News

2024-2025 Finance Committee/Church Council

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Larry Cheek
Associate Pastor of Youth & Education:	Christian Lund
Choir Director:	Penny Decker
Deacon Chairman:	Dickey Cobb
Board of Directors President:	Greg Craven
WMU Director:	Susan Rorrer
Brotherhood Director (4MforHim):	
Audio Services Coordinator:	Sherry Flanagan
Children's Ministry Coordinator:	Felecia McBride
Church Hostess:	Lisa Houston
Discipleship Coordinator:	Hope Johnson
Discipleship Helper:	Mona Turner
Nursery Coordinator:	Melanie Eggleston
Sunday School Director:	Susan Rorrer
Treasurer:	Charlotte Harter
Senior Adult Coordinator:	Dot Turner

Chairpersons of the Standing Committees:

Benevolence:	Eddie Conner
Evangelism/Missions Dev.:	Rocky Rockwell
Insurance:	Greg Craven
Membership:	Kenny Inman
Money Counters:	Ken Wagoner
Co-Chairman	Bobby Harter
Music:	Bobbi Frazier
Nominating:	Peggy Delancey
Personnel:	Judy Robertson
Properties:	Neil Ramsey
Co-Chairman	Greg Craven
Public Relations:	Suzanne Terry
Special Needs:	Charlotte Harter
Weekday Early Education:	Melanie Eggleston

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia State Missions

FBCC 2024 Goal \$4,000

Received to date: \$2,535

The Alma Hunt Offering helps support missions projects through our WMUV and the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

A Love offering will be collected.

Community Thanksgiving Service



First Baptist Church of Collinsville

Sunday, November 24

6:00 pm

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 23 @ 6:45 pm

Sonshine Classroom

Ministry Leaders: please submit written reports to the church office by Monday, October 14. If you have items to be included in the agenda or the church bulletin, please let us know by Wednesday, October 12.

Operation INASMUCH

Thanks to everyone who gave of their time on Saturday, Sept. 14th to help with our projects for Operation Inasmuch. Thanks to our prayer warriors and prayer team, the elderly of the church who was unable to physically participate. We appreciate all the prayers that were sent up prior to the actual day by all of you. Thanks to the two construction teams who constructed the handicap ramp at Camp Lee Ford and the steps and deck repaired for the elderly couple in Martinsville. Thanks to Lester Home Center for the donation of approx. \$925.00 in materials. Thank you to the team that spruced up 4 yards. Thank you to all the sewers who created over 55 walker bags for several of the nursing and hospice homes. Thank you to the two teams of men and women who installed 32 new smoke detectors and changed out numerous batteries. Thanks to the American Red Cross who donated the smoke detectors. Thanks to the two teams who put together 200 nursing home personnel gift bags and 56 hygiene kits for the homeless. Thanks for the group who made homemade goodies and delivered them to the police station and rescue squad stations. Thanks for all those who donated canned food items for the Salvation Army. Thank you to all of the church members who donated items for the gift bags and hygiene kits. Thank you to the team that prepared lunch for the teams who worked late into that day with their projects. Those ham and cheese sandwiches and brownies were the best. Thank you to those who helped to make sure all the items prepared got delivered to the nursing homes, Salvation Army, and that the lunches were delivered to the workers in the community. It was a wonderful day to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I believe Jesus was happy to see 1st Baptist Collinsville ministering to those people in need. Hoping we will do this again in the near future. God bless each one of you who served and gave of yourselves along with the items needed.