

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## Be Prepared

I know that many of our adult men were in the Scouts. And several of our young men are in Scouts at this time. I, too, was in the Scouts for several years. I remember some things very clearly to this day. One such memory is of the Scout motto—"Be Prepared". This is not only a motto for Scouts, it should be a way of living for all Christians.

I would venture to say that Floridians who, at the moment of this writing, are experiencing Hurricane Milton were as prepared as they could be for that storm. This could involve a variety of decisions—purchasing a generator in case of a power outage; having shutters or some other way of protecting windows; securing water for drinking, cooking, or washing; filling the car with gas in case you have to leave quickly; mapping out the best route to safety; storing nonperishable food so that you will have something to eat; maybe even purchasing a small boat or canoe for getting around while water is pooling; and a host of other things. It would be foolish for people who live in an area that is prone to hurricanes or tornados or any other type of natural phenomenon to not remain ready.

As humans, who have immortal souls, it is important for us to be prepared for what is coming as well. What things must we do to be ready for the return of Jesus? Perhaps Peter said it best in his first letter. He tells us to have a sound mind; be self-controlled; sober in prayer; serious about loving each other; and strongly serving the Lord (1 Pet. 4:7-11). If we will do those things, not only will we be ready for Jesus to return, but we will be ready for any trouble that arises while we are waiting.

Before we do anything else we must make sure that we have trusted our eternity to God. This requires we trust in Christ as God's Son and ask His forgiveness for our sins. Don't forget the 10 virgins mentioned in Matthew's Gospel. All 10 were invited to the wedding, but only 5 were ready when the groom came to get His bride (Matt. 25:1-13). Don't be left behind put your faith in Jesus and serve Him today.

*Pastor Larry*

## Community Thanksgiving Service

**Sunday, November 24 @ 6:00pm  
at FBCC**

**There will be a Community Choir  
Refreshments will be served following the  
worship service**

*(We are asking our fellowship to provide  
finger foods for this event)*

Those participating in the Community Choir should start arriving at 4:30pm. Choir practice will be at 4:45pm

Other churches joining us for this special service will be Ft. Trial Christian, Day Star Ministries, Smith Memorial United Methodist, and Collinsville Church of the Brethren

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your continued support of the Shoebox Ministry. I am excited to see how many shoeboxes that we pack this year. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 220 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. The children not only receive a box full of toys, school supplies and hygiene items but each box shares the gospel with them. The unexpected gift delights and sparks hope in the life of a child as they hear of Jesus' love for them. Have fun as you pack your shoeboxes and don't forget to pray for the child who will receive it.

**Please have your shoeboxes returned  
to the church by Sun., Nov. 17th.**

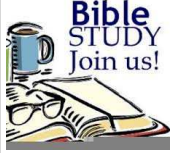


*"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14, ESV)*

**Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions**

**FBCC Goal: \$4,000.00**

**Collected thru Oct. 27: \$4,055.00**



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

***Hanging of the Greens***



**Sunday**  
**December 1**  
**6:00pm**

**AWANA**

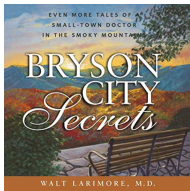


**SUNDAYS @ 4:00PM**  
**For children 2 years to 5th Grade**  
**Meet in the Social Hall**



***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**



**Bryson City Secrets**  
**By: Walt Larimore, M.D.**

Told with winsome humor and deep affection, *Bryson City Secrets* is a story-lover's delight, continuing Dr. Walt Larimore's reminiscences of his early years of a country medical practice.

**September Report**

Monthly Budget Offering needed	56,180
Monthly Budget Offering Received	40,023
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	47,206
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	222,510
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,481
Benevolence Fund	2,393
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	23,094

***In Sympathy:***

Jane Spencer, grandmother of Cassie Foley  
 Diane Reynolds, sister-in-law of Carolyn Bowles and  
 JoeAnn Belcher

**Just a Note**



Growing up, my daughters had to have a Plan A, B, C and D in case something didn't work out as planned. Relying on those gave them a peace that there was always another alternative for unplanned circumstances. I am so grateful that Jesus is our plan A, B, C, D, infinity. In fact, Jesus tells us that we will have troubles in this world, but He doesn't stop there. He tells us that we can have peace in Him because He has overcome the world. What does that mean? He is in control – He knows where to take us from whatever we are going through – He's bigger than our circumstances and bigger than our troubles. He is our Plan – the only Plan. As we approach Thanksgiving, that is what I am grateful for – His peace that has overcome the world. What more could we need?

Here are several November (and early December) events with our music ministry this month to celebrate Jesus in our lives:

**\*Sunday evening, November 24: Community Thanksgiving service.** If you would like to sing with the community choir, please be at the church by 5:00 that evening to practice in the sanctuary.

**\*Sunday evening, December 1: Hanging of the Greens –** Join us for an evening of celebrating the beginning of Advent by hearing how the symbols of Christmas decorating our sanctuary point to Jesus' birth. Through music and readings, we will begin the Christmas season by inviting Jesus to be the focus in our hearts.

**2025 Church Budget**

**November 03: Budget handed out during worship service**  
**November 20: Budget Discussion**  
**November 24: Budget Vote**



**Lottie Moon Post Office**

The Lottie Moon Post Office will open for your convenience on Dec. 1 if you would like to exchange Christmas Cards with other members of FBCC you can bring them by the Post Office. We suggest you give 10cents per card to go toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It will close on Dec. 22.

**Please use the US Post Office to mail cards to our shut-ins.**

**Capital Campaign Fund Summary**

( March 01, 2022—September 30, 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. –August 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$24,968.75
September -2024 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 2,307.50
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$186,164.32</b>
<b>Less Total spent for Roof</b>	<b>-\$ 76,160.00</b>
<b>Total Spent for Parking lot repair</b>	<b>-\$ 86,910.00</b>
<b>Capital Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 23,094.32</b>

## **Women on Mission – *By Our Love***

### **What We've Done**

\*Thank you, ladies, for all that you did to help with the Fall Festival. Whether you volunteered for the day, baked or brought goodies for the cake walk, or prayed that Jesus would shine on all those who attended, you helped make the day a success for Felecia.

\*We also had a wonderful time at the Hairston Home with the youth on October 13. The residents felt very special to have all of that attention, and they are looking forward to our next trip there.

\*Ahead of the Day of Prayer, we opened the sanctuary on Tuesday, October 29 and Wednesday, October 30 for our church family to come in and pray.

### **What We're Doing**

**\*November 4** – Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

**\*Sunday, November 24** – Make sure each group has delivered its college student exam bags to the Sunday School Records room by this day so that families can pick them up.

## **Evangelism/Mission Development**

As you probably know by now, our chairman, Rocky Rockwell, was just voted in as the new interim Associational Missionary for HCBA. His responsibilities in that role will elevate his mission development to an inter-church level with other HCBA churches, which we hope will multiply our community/evangelistic outreach efforts.

Please continue to pray for those who were affected by the recent hurricanes and flooding. Much help is still needed in Western NC and Florida.

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 by November 15th!

## **Greetings from the Lighthouse!!**

As I am writing this article it's about a little over a week before election day on November 5<sup>th</sup> and the day itself will likely have passed by the time you have gotten the chance to read this article. Are you all as tired of election season as I am?

I cannot tell you how many times I have pulled my phone out thinking I was receiving an important text only to see it's a message asking me to give donations toward an array of different candidates. I drive down the street and see sign supporting candidate A and sign supporting candidate B in the house right next to them. That I am sure is an interesting neighbor to neighbor relationship. I cannot listen to the radio or turn on the TV without seeing a political commercial.

There are two things I hate the most about political season. The first is every time I see a commercial 9 times out of 10 its one candidate attacking another candidate. The other item I hate the most is the sheer hate people have for another based on them disagreeing politically.

I want everyone to think about our youth and how they view this vial behavior of some people. We are supposed to be the greatest country in the world. We are supposed to be a country that is united regardless of fill in the blank. If Jesus were to come to our country or even our community, how would he view the behavior of so many. I imagine it hurting him to see even his people so divided. 1 John 4:7-8 says Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

The final thing I want us all to think about is what if we as the church spent as much time on the spreading of the word as we do fighting over politics. I imagine whole communities changing in the name of Christ. I imagine people feeding people, houses being built, widows being loved, and children laughing more then hurting. Here is the thing we must understand, it's the church and the gospel centered people in it that can change the world not the government. Let that sink in and think how you can be Jesus in your community.

Be Blessed, Pastor Christian

### **November Youth Events**

November 10<sup>th</sup> Cutting Wood Service Project 12pm-2:30pm (Lunch provided)

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Liberty Basketball Game 4pm-9pm

November 24<sup>th</sup> Youth Encounter @ Fort Trial 2:45-5:30pm

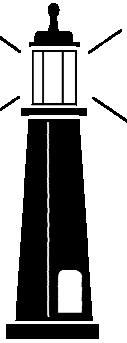
### **Grace Network**

#### **NOVEMBER FOOD ITEM**

**Creamed Corn 15 oz. (not regular corn)**

#### **NOVEMBER FEATURE ITEMS**

**Bath Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste and 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

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
Paid  
Permit No. 5

Return Service  
Requested

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**November 2024 Birthdays**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Greg Craven      | 21 Catherine Kallam |
| 01 Matt O'Dell      | 21 Keith Oliver     |
| 02 Jennifer Witt    | 24 Tylar Martin     |
| 03 Stacy Fontaine   | 24 Kit Scott        |
| 03 Samantha Martin  | 25 Brenda Carter    |
| 05 Kaitlin Haskins  | 25 Ben Dawson       |
| 05 Susan Wagoner    | 25 Linda Newsome    |
| 06 Judy Anthony     | 25 Emily rorrer     |
| 10 Zoie Pace        | 26 Sheree Gillispie |
| 10 Summer Shelton   | 27 Carol Gentry     |
| 12 Sherryl Anderson | 28 Sandra Zanfini   |
| 13 Ta'mell Foddrell | 30 Daphne Stone     |
| 14 Tonia Patterson  | 30 C. B. Mullins    |
| 14 Hannah Goad      | 30 Kristen Weaver   |

**December 2024 Birthdays**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 15 Ken Wagoner      | 01 Joe Johnson      |
| 16 Michaela Garrett | 02 Melody Oliver    |
| 16 Emily Whitlow    | 03 Yvonne Harris    |
| 17 Sherrie Setliff  | 04 Kevin Shropshire |
| 17 Parker Pinnix    | 04 Sarah Scott      |
| 18 Charlotte Albert | 05 Sarah Scott      |
| 18 Lois Radford     | 06 Paige Collins    |
| 18 Nettie Webb      | 08 Taylor Draper    |
| 18 Daniel Craven    | 09 Kenny Inman      |
| 18 Dottie Turner    | 09 Susan Rodies     |
| 19 Joe Haskins      | 10 Nathan Roetken   |
| 19 Hannah Piccolo   | 11 Tim Ramsey       |
| 19 Erick Rodies     | 13 Jennifer Mize    |
| 21 Susie Baldwin    | 14 Ann Amos         |
| 21 Mark Ivey        |                     |

**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

**December 2024 Anniversaries**

- 05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman
- 08 Teddy & 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
- 28 George Collins & Lisa West



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

- Nov. 04:** Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- Nov. 05:** Iva Turner Group
- Nov. 06:** WMU Council Meeting
- Nov. 10:** Veteran's Sunday
- Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day
- Nov. 11:** Ladies Card Ministry
- Nov. 12:** Phyllis Creasy Group
- Nov. 12:** Betty Westover Group
- Nov. 15:** Joyce Newman Group
- Nov. 20:** Budget Discussion Mtg
- Nov. 24:** 2024-2025 Budget Vote
- Nov. 24:** Community Thanksgivng Service @ FBCC
- Nov. 25:** Finance & Church Council Meeting
- Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving Day (Church Office Closed)
- Nov. 29:** Church Office Closed
- Dec. 01:** Week of Prayer for International Missions (Lottie Moon)
- Dec. 01:** Hanging of the Green Service
- Dec. 07:** Breakfast with Santa
- Dec. 08:** Youth & Parent Lunch

