

# Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



## God is With Us

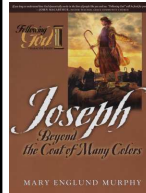
Hi folks. Here we are about to embark on another year. These seem to come around a lot faster the older I get. Since we are beginning a new year, I thought the best place to start with our articles would be at the beginning of everything.

The first words contained in Holy Scripture are, "In the beginning God..." (**Gen. 1:1**). The rest of the chapter describes how God created everything that makes up this vast universe in which we live. But that short phrase tells us about a lot more than just creation. It speaks of the very nature of God. He is the Eternal One who has always existed and always will exist. There is no being greater than He; no one to compare Him to. There is no one smarter than God, stronger than God or more successful than God. He is the Self-Existent One that does not need anything or anyone to survive and succeed. He is unchanging in that He lives outside of things that affect our human existence, such as time and space. He never ages or needs to step back and take a look at Himself. He is perfect and complete in every way.

This leads me to a second understanding about our phrase which personally impacts our existence. Whether we realize it or not, Almighty God has been part of our lives before we came into this world. In the beginning of our lives—He was there. But it does not stop there. In the beginning of a year—He is there. In the beginning of a day—He is there. In the beginning of a situation—He is there. In the beginning of the end—He is there. And throughout all eternity—He will be there. Is it any wonder Isaiah told us Jesus would be called Immanuel (**Is. 7:14**)? There will not be a moment during 2025 when God will not be with us. What can we say to that except, Hallelujah!

*Pastor Larry*

## Winter Ladies Bible Study



We're going to be studying "Joseph: Beyond the Coat of Many Colors" in our next ladies Bible study...**Jan. 19-Mar9, 2025**. It's an 8 week interactive, non-DVD driven study. That means we study selected passages in God's Word on a daily basis prior to that week's class so...you need to have your workbook no later than Jan. 12 to complete the 1st week's lesson..."You don't get to choose your family"...by our first class on Sun., Jan 19 @ 4:00pm. The study will end on Sun., March 9 @ 5:30pm. Cost of the workbook is \$12.00 payable when you pick it up. See Hope Johnson to register, pay for and pick up you workbook.

## FBCC Brotherhood Presents

### Men Who Cook

Saturday, January 11

5:00pm,

FBCC Social Hall

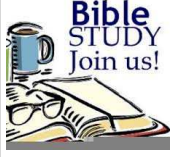


Make a donation to cast your vote for your favorite chef and dish. There will be a People's Choice Winner for each category!

### ***Appetizers - Entrée - Dessert***

100% of ALL Donations will go to Disaster Relief!

For any questions or more info.  
call 276-647-3774



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



**Loving Hands Ministry  
Meets every Thursday morning  
10:00-12:00noon  
2nd floor Loving Hands Ministry Room #216**



**AWANA  
SUNDAYS @ 4:00PM  
For children 2 years to 5th Grade**



**The Ladies Card Ministry  
2nd Tuesday each month  
12:00pm  
SonShine Classroom  
We will be making, Birthday,  
Anniversary, and Thinking of You Cards**

**2024 Contribution Statements**

Your 2024 Contribution statements will be mailed to you as quickly as possible before the end of January. If you include your contributions as deductions for tax purposes, it is important **not to file your 2024 tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement from the church of your contributions.** If you are in need of your contribution report before it is mailed, you can contact Sandy Moses in the church office to request a printed copy.

**October Report**

Monthly Budget Offering needed	44,944
Monthly Budget Offering Received	35,347
Rental Income	1,913
Other Income	-0-
Monthly Budget Operating Expenses	38,674
Non Budget Expenses	-0-
Operating Account Balance	223,208
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	10,772
Communion Offering for Hurricane Area	2,256
Benevolence Fund	2,193
Project Hope	126
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,366
Van Fund	13,398
Capital Campaign Fund	24,894

**In Sympathy:**

James Meadows, father-in-law of Bart Mays  
**Shirley Pagans**, mother of Phyllis Geramita  
**Debbie McKinney**, daughter of Sylvia McKinney  
 Bill Earles, brother-in-law of Marci Emberson  
 Lane Carroll Thomasson, son of Delano thomasson  
 Preston Hawkins, step-father of Jennifer Nance



**OFFERING ENVELOPES**  
 Your 2025 Offering envelopes are available for you to pick up.

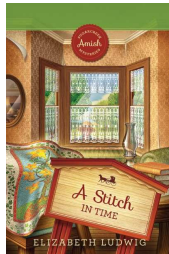
They are located on a table beside the Coffee Nook of the church.

If you do not see envelopes with your name on them and would like a box, please come by the office or call and we will be more than glad to issue you a box.

**YEAR END EXPENSES**

Committee and Ministry Leaders: If you have any **outstanding expenses for 2024**, please make sure to turn those in to the church office by **January 6th.**

**FBCC Library Book of the Month**



**"A Stitch in Time"**

By Elizabeth Ludwig

Cheryl Cooper loves helping out a friend, so when Naomi Miller asks for a ride to visit a sick relative, she is happy to comply. They make numerous stops along the way, including one to a large estate sale. Cheryl's bid to buy a uniquely patterned quilt lead to a puzzling confrontation, she is more determined than ever to make it her own. Once she has her prized purchase, several attempts are made to steal the quilt, including a break-in at her home.

**Capital Campaign Fund Summary**

( March 01, 2022—October 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. –Sept. 2024 donations to Capital Campaign	\$27,276.25
October-2024 donation to Capital Campaign	\$ 1,800.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$187,964.32</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>\$ 24,894.32</b>

The November and December Report along with the Updated Capital Campaign Fund Summary will be available in the February issue of the Lamplighter.

## Women on Mission - *By Our Love*

### What We Have Done:

During the month of December, the WMU groups met together for their Christmas meeting and collected items to create Christmas gift bags full of goodies for our shut-ins. Each group delivered the bags and had lunch with the different shut-ins just to let them know how much they mean to us and how much we love them. All of the shut-ins were visited, and they loved their Christmas bags.

### What We Will Be Doing:

During the month of January, we will be focusing on the Warming Center in Martinsville. First, we will be providing lunch on the last Monday of each month to the Center for those who use it to stay safe from the cold. Each WMU group will prepare one dish which we will deliver. To go along with this, we will also be collecting much needed supplies for the center during the month of January and are opening this up to the church to help. The following items are what they need the most:

**Toiletries for men and women** (soap, shampoo, lotions, shaving lotion, razors)

**Warm socks, gloves, and hats** for men and women

**Snacks** such as Nabs, granola bars, fruit bars, breakfast bars, trail mix, Pop Tarts, Vienna Sausages, etc., Water Bottles

**Adult Coats** (Men's and Women's)

**Tableware:** plastic utensils, plates, bowls, cups

**Coffee,** Coffee Filters, Sweeteners, Creamers

Starting Sunday, January 5, we will have a large tote in the Vestibule underneath the tapestry to put the supplies in. We will collect through the end of the month.

**LOTTIE MOON OFFERING  
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS  
FBCC's Goal for 2024 \$10,000.00  
Received to Date \$8,412.30**



### Can You spare a Box of CHOCOLATE CAKE MIX?

The Touchdown Club of Bassett High School's football team is providing the players with Protein Shakes. They use Chocolate Cake Mix as part of the ingredients for the Protein Shakes. If you would like to bring a box of cake mix for this effort, you can give it to Sherry Flanagan, put it by the computer table in the balcony or drop it by the church office during the week. This is a good outreach project to benefit the football team at Bassett High School.

## Youth of the Month



**Christian Chapman**

Christian Chapman has been attending FBCC for about 2 years. He lives with his mom and stepdad, Naume and Nelson Reed. Nelson is Angie Alley's brother and Alex and Angie invited the family to visit FBCC, and they have been attending ever since.

Christian is in the 11th grade at Bassett High School. He plans to attend P&H Community College and is still deciding on a career path. He works with Joe Johnson doing yard work so if you need yard work done, give them a call!

Christian's favorite scripture is Romans 8:18, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed in us." He plans on being baptized soon when friends and family can be present to celebrate with him.

His favorite pastime is playing video games. He also enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, Daisy and his dog, Spot. His favorite food is pizza.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

**Wednesday, January 29**

**6:45pm—SonShine Classroom**

### THANK YOU

We would like to Thank You for all the gifts, cards, words of appreciation and other acts of kindness shown us during this Christmas Season. Our prayer for you in 2025 is good health, happiness galore, peace on earth and God's unconditional love. We feel blessed to work for you!

*Pastor Larry, Sandy, Ruby, Penny, Kim, Sally, Paige, Sara and Brittany.*

*Happy New Year*



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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**

- January 2025 Birthdays**
- 01 Sharon Anderson
  - 01 David Conner
  - 01 William Wagoner
  - 02 David Joyce
  - 02 Bill Wagoner
  - 06 Jamie Collins
  - 06 Carri Turner
  - 06 Lacey Flanagan
  - 06 Jackson Crane
  - 07 Carolyn Bowles
  - 07 Chris Rivera
  - 07 Lena Rivera
  - 10 Carole Webb
  - 10 Harold Belcher
  - 12 Carolyn Hatchett
  - 12 Jacob Gilbert
  - 13 Frances Martin
  - 13 Ethan Collins
  - 13 Kaylyn Gray
  - 14 Tommy Harris
  - 14 Bobbie Joyce
  - 14 Laurel Draper
  - 15 Peggy (Legus) Joyce
  - 15 Kevin Harter
  - 15 Janet Malone
  - 17 Steve Emberson
  - 18 Leslie Cunningham
  - 19 Robert Roetken
  - 19 Jeremy Craven
- February 2025 Birthdays**
- 20 Tina Haskins
  - 20 Allen Ramsey
  - 23 Joan Palmer
  - 23 Sherry Flanagan
  - 24 Mike Pennington
  - 25 Rebecca Beachy
  - 26 Raymond Prillaman
  - 27 Doris Anthony
  - 28 Dana Pennington
  - 28 Mike Craddock
  - 30 Kit Conway
  - 30 Amber Purdy
  - 31 Lauren Anderson
  - 31 Hannah Patterson
  - 31 Peggy Moran

- January 2025 Anniversaries**
- 06 Bill & Susan Wagoner

- February 2025 Anniversaries**
- 10 Carl & Gail Smith
  - 12 Dan & Kelly Kisner
  - 20 David & Peggy Joyce

**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.

**JANUARY  
 FOOD ITEM  
 Creamed Corn 15 oz.  
 (NOT regular corn)**

**JANUARY FEATURE  
 ITEMS  
 Toilet Paper  
 Deodorant  
 Feminine Products**

- Dates to Remember.....**
- Jan. 02:** Loving Hands Ministry
  - Jan. 07:** Pastor Larry Bible Study
  - Jan. 07:** Iva Turner Group
  - Jan. 07:** Phyllis Creasy Group
  - Jan. 09:** Loving Hands Ministry
  - Jan. 11:** Brotherhood Men "Men Who Cook" Competition
  - Jan. 13:** Ladies Card Ministry
  - Jan. 14:** Pastor Larry Bible Study
  - Jan. 14:** Betty Westover Group
  - Jan 16:** Loving Hands Ministry
  - Jan. 16:** Joyce Newman Group
  - Jan. 19:** Ladies Bible Study
  - Jan. 21:** Pastor Larry Bible Study
  - Jan. 23:** Loving Hands Ministry
  - Jan. 26:** Ladies Bible Study
  - Jan. 27:** Finance & Church Council Meeting
  - Jan. 28:** Pastor Larry Bible Study
  - Jan 29:** Quarterly Business Mtg.
  - Jan. 30:** Loving Hands Ministry
  - Feb. 02:** Ladies Bible Study
  - Feb. 04:** Pastor Larry Bible Study
  - Feb. 04:** Iva Turner Group
  - Feb. 04:** Phyllis Creasy Group
  - Feb. 05:** WMU Council Meeting
  - Feb. 06:** Loving Hands Ministry

