

Lamplighter

First Baptist Church of Collinsville is a body of believers committed to praying, encouraging, teaching, witnessing, and worshipping together to reach our communities and the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.



Striking Gold

Consider how ecstatic many of us would be if we discovered a buried treasure in our backyards. We could pay off the mortgage ("Yey"), take that dream vacation, help the needy, give donations to ministries we value, and send our kids to the finest college. I dare say that none of us reading this article would mind experiencing those kind of blessings. However, in writing to believers in the first century, Peter stated that true faith is more precious than gold (1 Pet. 1:7). In other words, we cannot put a price on our faith. Remember, Peter was writing to believers who were being persecuted for their Christian faith. This was coming from a man who knew what it was to deny knowing Christ. Peter had learned a very bitter, but important lesson about faith. And he did not want anyone else to experience what he had gone through by not guarding his faith. Peter reminds us that as valuable as gold is, it will perish. This is in spite of the fact that someone went to a lot of trouble to purify the gold with fire. Most things like people, animals, and plants, cannot survive a fire, but gold can. And yet, as valuable and strong as gold is, our faith is more precious than that. While gold will perish one day, the fruits of our faith will not. Our faith brings us into a relationship with God. Our faith provides us with confidence that one day we will enjoy the eternal happiness God has promised us. The practice of our faith encourages others (saved and lost) who see us live by faith. It brings a smile to God's face when we express our faith. What a motivation to continue to grow in our faith toward God.

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry

WMU Annual Association Meeting

Tuesday, April 10

McCabe Memorial B. C.

The Annual WMU Association Meeting will be held **April 10th** at McCabe Memorial Baptist Church starting with refreshments at 5:15pm followed by music at 5:45. The speaker will be Shirley Redman of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

We would like to invite any lady school age and up to join us for this meeting. You do not need to be in a WMU group to attend.

GriefShare Training

We are planning a refresher course for GriefShare training. If you are interested in becoming a GriefShare Facilitator, please call the church office (647-3774) to let us know.



Sunday Night Music Concert

April 29 @ 6:00 pm with

Joyful Sound

A church wide fellowship to follow. Please bring someone with you to enjoy the music, good food and fellowship.

COMING EVENTS:

May 06: Senior Adult Day and Covered Dish Luncheon

May 13: Mother's Day Sunday

May 20: Graduate Sunday

May 20: National Day of Prayer for VBS

May 27: Memorial Day Sunday

If you would like to add someone to the list of veterans who have served our country but has since passed away, please submit this information to us by May 8.



Prayer Room Ministry

February, 2018

Cards Mailed Out:	65
Phone Calls Made:	25
Prayer Requests Received:	39
Prayers Prayed:	592
Total # of Volunteers Serving:	13 (active)
Total Volunteer Hours Given:	47.75

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777



New Arrival

Congratulations to Tyler and Michaela Varney on the birth of their daughter, Alexis McKinley Varney, born on March 6, 2018. Alexis weighed 8 lbs. and 8 ozs. She has two sisters, Addison and Penelope. Her grandparents are Lee and Kim Forbes and her great grandmother is Becky Crotty.

FBCC FOOD ITEM FOR APRIL

Fruit (16-16 oz. can)

April Grace Network Food Item

Juice (40-64 oz.)

April Featured Items

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant

February Report

Average Attendance	
Sunday School	169
Worship Service	175
Monthly Offering needed	45,172
(4 Sundays)	
Monthly Offering Received	34,739
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income (memorials/use of building)	400
Monthly Operating Expenses	43,164
Operating Account Balance	253,288
CD's & Savings Balance	58,299
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	7,091
Benevolence Designated Fund	156
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,974
Van Fund	6,614
Music	5,000

Detailed finance reports are available at the information stands. You may call the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

In Sympathy:

Wilfred DeLancey, husband of Nancy DeLancey and father-in-law of Peggy Delancey

Wayne McKinney, husband of Sylvia McKinney and father of Debbie McKinney and Cindy Tilley

George Hundley, husband of Dorothy Hundley

Clifford Kesler, friend of many

New Contact Information

Phyllis Shockley, Kings Grant Healthcare Rm 15B, 800 Kings Way Rd., Martinsville, VA 24112

Tammy Fultz, 1802 Brockcliff Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408

Welcome New Members

Nicholas Pillsbury, 212 Homestead Trail, Collinsville, VA 24078

Nicholas joined FBCC on March 11, 2018 by Statement of Faith.



Mt. Vernon is hosting our VBS clinic this year. It will be April 10th @ 6:30pm. We would love to have lots of people attending. The church with the most in attendance will win a prize worth about \$100 to use at our VBS. Please try to attend. We can car Pool

or take the van if enough people are willing to go. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Our church will be providing VBS themed snacks for this event. If you would like to help make and/or serve them please let Suzanne Terry or Rebecca Vernon know. Also, mark your calendars for June 10-15. This will be our VBS. The theme is Game On. It will be a fun week. Please be in prayer for how you can help this year with VBS.

Thanks, *Rebecca Vernon*

Upcoming Henry County

Baptist Association Senior Trips

June 18-19: Washington DC Tour

Tour of Washington D.C. by Betsy Ivey, Bible Museum and National Museum of African American History and Culture. (More info. on B. Board).

October 2-4: Penn Dutch Trip (Lancaster)

Apple Dinner Theatre "Sister Act" & Buffet, Turkey Hill Museum & Exhibits of ice cream & tea, etc., tour of Amish House & Farm with lunch included, guided tour of area and Eli Pretzels and home-made items, "JESUS" production at Sight and Sound Theatre, Amish dinner included after production, Kitchen Kettle Village lunch stop. (More info. on B. Board).

Ladies of FBCC

Want to do a Bible study and get in shape? Join us for our first study "When Changing Nothing Changes Everything" and Zumba class on Wednesday nights at 6:45 in the VBS room.

SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

Hallelujah! Christ is risen. What great news for the world. The church will celebrate Easter with a Tenebrae Service on Friday, March 30th at 6:30 P.M., and Easter Sunrise Service on April 1st at 7:00 A.M. and the Easter Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. Easter is the most important event in the life of the church so I hope you will be able to attend these services.

Activities planned for Senior Adults for the month of April include:

Tuesday, April 10th – Friendship Club

– This is the first time we have met since December, so let's make a real effort to attend. The program will be presented by Katherine Hairston. She is teacher who retired from the Henry County Schools and who is now President of the Henry County Retired

Teacher organization. Katherine and a friend went on a trip to Israel recently and they will tell us about their trip, including slides and dvds. Sounds interesting. As usual, the meal will be prepared by the social committee of the Friendship Club at a cost of only \$3. Invite a friend and let's spend time together for good fellowship, good food and good fun.

Friday, April 13th – Music Night at Spencer-Penn Centre

– The music will be provided by a band that may be new to us, **Lawson Creek Grass**, as well as one of our favorite bands, **Mark Templeton and Pocket Change**. The van will leave the church at **5:00 P.M.** We will plan to have dinner there. The menu features hotdogs, BBQ, home-made chicken salad sandwiches, pinto beans and cornbread, homemade des-

serts, chips. The price of admission is \$4. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

Thursday, April 19th – Shopping at Hamrick's in Greensboro – I am sure that Hamrick's has missed us, so let's show them that we still love them. The van will leave the church at 9:00 A.M. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

Check the bulletin board near the church office for upcoming trips sponsored by the Henry County Baptist Association. If you need additional information, call Betsy Ivey.

Take time to call or visit a shut-in and take time to send a card to someone who is sick.

Betty Crotty, Senior Adult Coordinator

Ladies Card Ministry

Monday, April 23 @ 1:00pm
We will be making Anniversary and Birthday Cards



**College Careers 4 Christ
BIBLE STUDY**

We have started a study by Tim Tebow "**Shaken**" *Discovering Your True Identity in the Mist of Life's Storms*



WHEN: Monday Nights

**WHERE: First Baptist Collinsville
"Light House" (Top Floor)**

TIME: 8:00PM—9:00PM

APRIL WMU MISSION ACTION

The WMU Mission Action for April is Pure Water Pure Love. This is a ministry to provide missionaries with water filters and the people they serve with wells that offer clean water, free from disease-causing organisms. With the help of hundreds of churches, Pure Water Pure Love provides thousands of water filters to Missionary families and helps fund clean water projects. Please pray as you give to this ministry.

Thanks everyone for helping make the Hairston Home Birthday Party a success.
Blessings, Lana Martin

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our Quarterly Business Meeting will be held on Wed., April 25 at 6:45pm. Chairmen and Ministry Leaders: Please notify the church office by April 11 if you plan to present information at the meeting that needs published in the bulletin prior to the meeting or included on the meeting agenda. Also, please submit your written reports to the church office by April 18.

APRIL NURSERY WORKERS

- 01 Kathy Draper, Cindy Vernon (B)
Suzanne Terry, Marille Espana P/S)
 - 08 Jason & Paige Collins (B)
Brandon & Ashley Martin (P/S)
 - 15 Sandy Gary, Katrell Ramsey (B)
Judy Dodson, Kellie Powell (P/S)
 - 22 Susan Wagoner, Lisa West (B)
Chris & Angela Hatchett (P/S)
 - 29 Becky Nance, Pat Cobb (B)
Ellen Prato, Diane Ferguson (P/S)
- (B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool

Gear Up! Get Ready! Game On!

What: Vacation Bible School.

Where: First Baptist Church of Collinsville

3339 Virginia Ave.

When: June 10 – 15

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

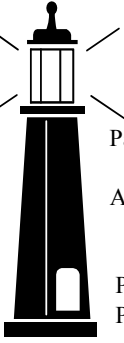
Ages: Pre-K – 7th grade

Church Phone Number: 276-647-3774

Our church van will be running if you need a ride.

We hope that you will be able to come and bring a friend. We will have a great week as we gear up for life's big game and learn how to live a Christian life by following Jesus.





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Prayer Time (Prayer Room)	9:30 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 am
Children's Church	
Wednesday Evening Activities:	
Children's Choir Practice K thru 6th grade	5:30 pm
Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
RA's & GA's	6:30 pm
Yuth Phe-nom-e-non/Middle School	6:33 pm
Mission Friends	6:45 pm
Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays

- 01 Marietta Harmon
- 02 Pam Albanese
- 03 Debbie Hancock
- 05 Ashleigh Breath
- 06 Sharon Barrow
- 08 Jonathan France
- 08 Chris Kistler
- 08 Essie Janey
- 10 Tom Prato
- 10 Gwen Lewis
- 10 Tim Gary
- 11 Betty Jones
- 11 Paul Setliff
- 12 Felecia McBride
- 12 Ella Santoemma
- 14 Bobby Harter
- 15 Jim Joyce
- 15 Alison Hall
- 16 Evelyn France
- 17 Pauline Nuzum
- 17 Laura Whitlow
- 18 Christopher Hatchett
- 19 Greg Wagoner

- 19 Kristen Tilley
- 19 Nick Lea
- 22 Ruby Wright
- 22 Pam Joyce
- 24 Kellie Norris
- 24 Josh Acord
- 25 Diane Ferguson Turner
- 25 Whitney Engstrom
- 29 Hamon Gilley
- 30 Cindy Tilley

May Birthdays

- 02 Carrie Williams
- 03 Ann Thomason
- 04 Tim Atwood
- 04 Sidney Lavinder
- 04 Wendy Gilbert
- 05 Ginny Fickling
- 05 Allison Prato
- 05 Hope Johnson
- 05 Michael Walker
- 06 Dee Webb
- 07 Thomas Kasey
- 07 Sarah France
- 07 Shelly Gibson

April Anniversaries

- 01 John & Sherry Flanagan
- 02 David & Melanie Catron
- 03 Rudy & Barb Kobelia
- 07 Harold & Gerry Nofsinger
- 08 Jamie & Denise Collins
- 09 Jason & Paige Collins
- 18 Billy & Carrie Pinnix
- 24 Alex & Angie Alley
- 25 J.D. & Joan Collins

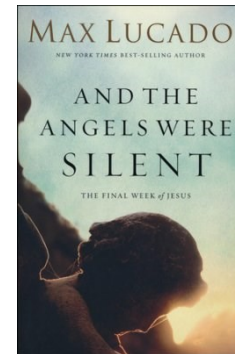
May Anniversaries

- 01 Roger & Judy Dodson
- 05 Sidney & Betty Lavinder
- 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
- 29 Scott & Suzanne Terry

Book of the Month "And the Angels were Silent"

The Final Week of Jesus

By: Max Lucado



As Jesus entered His final days and faced Golgotha, He acted with loving purpose and deliberate intent. Each step was calculated. Every act premeditated. *And the Angels Were Silent* allows you to enter and observe a revealing and intimate view of our Savior's last week.