

Lamplighter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Exalting the Savior by evangelizing the lost and equipping the saints



An Eternal Difference

In the eighth chapter of the book of Acts we are introduced to a deacon named Philip. Philip was preaching in Samaria and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit was bringing many people to faith in Jesus. In the midst of this experience God spoke to Philip and told him to go to a desert region. There he would meet an Ethiopian traveling home from worshipping in Jerusalem. Philip was to share the Gospel with this man. When Philip arrived, the Ethiopian was reading a prophecy about the Messiah found in the book of Isaiah. However, the Ethiopian did not know anything about Jesus until Philip shared the Gospel with him. Once he heard about Jesus, the Ethiopian believed Christ was the Son of God and Philip baptized him in a nearby river. Upon completing his mission the Scripture tells us the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away, and the eunuch never saw him again (Acts 8:39).

Occasionally, God brings people into our lives that spend a relatively short period of time with us, but have a profound effect on us. That person might lead us to faith in Christ, encourage us in our walk with Christ, or challenge us to live our lives for Christ. But whatever the impact, we are no longer the same. Pastor Jarrod was a Philip for us at FBCC. In only twenty months he captured our hearts and our imaginations. We learned to love and appreciate him for who he was and what God did through him. While we will not see him again this side of heaven, we are assured that we will be with him again when we enter eternity. For that I am truly grateful.

With that said, for most of us that reunion will not be for a while. So let me ask us all a question, are we being a Philip to others? Are we so in tune with God that we will respond to His call without hesitation or delay? Are we looking for opportunities to speak the words of life and peace to those we meet along the way? Are we willing to invest our lives, regardless of the length of time we might spend together, in sharing the truth that Jesus died for them so they could live here and now in His power and presence? If the answer is yes to these questions, then, like Philip, our lives will make a difference in the people with whom we come into contact. And that, my friends, is why we were placed on earth to begin with. Determine today you will be a Philip to other people. Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Larry



DATE: Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018

TIME: 9:00 A.M

PLACE: Fellowship Hall FBCC

Children of all ages, and the youthful, please join us for Breakfast with Santa. Our Helping Hands Class will be serving up hot buttery pancakes, sausage, fruit, juices and coffee.

The Children's Choir will be performing songs of Christmas.

We will have a special visit from the Jolly fellow himself.

Please come and invite your friends, grandchildren and neighbors.



FBCC's Christmas Cantata

"Peace Has Come"

A Musical for Christmas

Lead and Directed by Penny Decker

Sunday, December 16

11:00 am

**CHRISTMAS EVE
COMMUNION SERVICE**

MONDAY, DEC. 24

6:00 PM

FBCC SANCTUARY



*Christmas Eve
Communion*



Prayer Room Ministry

October 2018

Cards Mailed Out: 43

Phone Calls Made: 15

Prayer Requests Received: 23

Prayers Prayed: 504

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 12 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 37 1/2

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

In Sympathy:

Ralph Brammer, member of FBCC and friend of many
Mark Anthony, member of FBCC, and son of Doug
Anthony

Pastor Jarrod Pillsbury, Associate Pastor of FBCC,
husband of Rachel and father of Nik Pillsbury

(Corrected) NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Tom and Ellen Prato, 16430 Saville Chase Way, Midlothian,
VA 23112

2019 Budget Vote

On Sunday, November 18 the 2019 Budget passed by
a vote of: **118 YES** **11 NO**



NOTICE

*Prayer Time is held in the Prayer
Room on Sunday morning from
9:30-9:40 am.*

December Grace Network Food Item

Black eyed peas (15-16 oz. can)

December Featured Items

Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent



LOTTIE MOON POST OFFICE

The Lottie Moon Post Office has opened for the
convenience of the FBCC family to send cards to
church family and shut-ins for just 10 cents each.
All money collected will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Of-
fering. **The Post office will close on Sunday, December 23.**

The church office is not able to mail Christmas cards not
picked up at the Lottie Moon Post office. As you are preparing
your cards, please take notice if the person lives out of the area
or is a resident of a nursing home. We suggest you mail those
cards through the US postal service to ensure they are re-
ceived. We also recommend mailing cards to our home bound
members through the mail system so that they will be received
by Christmas. Our deacons, pastor and WMU members try to
pick those up and deliver them as they can, but it can take sev-
eral weeks into January before they all may be delivered.

Lottie Moon Memorials and Honorariums



With Christmas fast approaching, it is time
to think about our Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering. If you would like to give to Lottie
Moon in honor or memory of a loved one,
you can include that information on your
offering envelope or drop it off at the church
office by Dec.17th. We will place a list in the bulletin on Dec.
23th acknowledging these gifts.

October Report

Average Attendance

Sunday School	147
Worship Service	161
Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	45,172
Monthly Offering Received	27,403
Rental Income	1,800
Other Income (memorials, use of building, etc.)	125
Monthly Operating Expenses	37,358
Operating Account Balance	260,691
CD's & Savings Balance	58,299
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	9,673
Benevolence Designated Fund	286
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	2,474
Van Fund	8,723
Music Memorial	195

*Detailed finance reports are available at
the information stands located in the vesti-
bule areas of the Sanctuary, or you may
call the church office if you would like a
copy mailed to you.*

DECEMBER NURSERY WORKERS

- 02 Beverly Inman, Kathy Draper (B)
John, Sherry, and Lacey
Flanagan (P/S)
 - 09 Becky Nance, Olajumoke Olaiya (B)
Jason & Paige Collins (P/S)
 - 16 Jen Nance, Diane Ferguson (B)
Brandon & Ashley Martin (PS)
 - 23 Joan Collins, Stacy Craven (B)
Frances & Amanda Goad (P/S)
 - 30 Peggy Delancey, Beverly Inman (B)
Jennifer & Kellie Powell & Savannah
McBride (P/S)
- (B)=Babies (P/S)=Preschool



FBCC
FOOD
ITEM
FOR
**December
Beef Stew
24 oz. can**

SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

December is the season for giving. We're already seeing the red kettles and hearing the bells ringing at stores in the area. Let's remember the love we have for our families and friends not only for Christmas but throughout the year.

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

Sunday, December 9th - Roanoke Symphony at Martinsville High School, we will leave the church at 6:15 P.M. The tickets (\$15.00) may be bought at the door.

Tuesday, December 11th - Friendship Club will meet at 10:30 and our guest will be Mr. & Mrs. Junior Casady. This is our covered dish lunch

so bring a dish to share. The social committee will provide the meat, drinks and bread.

Thursday, December 13th - Shopping at Tanger Outlets in Mebane, NC - We will leave the church at 9:00 A.M. We will shop and meet for lunch later.

Doris Walker and Charlotte Albert,
Sr. Adult Co-Coordinators

WMU MISSION ACTION PROJECT

All WMU Groups: our Mission Action for December is our Homebound members and New Life Orphanage. Also remember the Lottie Moon Offering. Blessings for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank You for all you have done for our Mission Action Projects this past year.

Lana Martin



*Ladies Card Ministry
Will Not Meet in December*

2019 TITHING ENVELOPES

2019 Tithing Envelopes are now available for you to pick up. They are on a table in the vestibule.



SonShine Class News

The SonShine class will have their Christmas Party on Sat., Dec. 15, 2018 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Social Hall. We will have games, crafts, music, and lunch, and Santa will make a visit! We look forward to seeing you there!

SonShine Class members, you will be playing the bells in church on Sun., Dec. 16. We have special t-shirts for all class members and will give them out during Sunday School so that you can wear them when you play the bells in church! Mark your calendar and we'll see you then!



Job Well Done

We collected **357 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**. Thanks to Alex Alley, Walt Shaw, and Carl Smith for helping transport them to Stone Memorial Church. Thank You to each of you who helped share Christ and Christmas with children who may have never had a Christmas gift/present. Let's start planning for next year so we can have an impact on other children. If the number of children that come to know Christ through the shoeboxes is on the average, our church can sing praises that approximately 33 children will come to know Christ. Praises.

ATTENTION LADIES

Living Proof Live with Beth Moore

April 12-13, 2019 @ Berglund Center, Roanoke, VA

For groups of 10 or more, tickets are \$59 plus tax (\$64.31). If you are interested in purchasing tickets as a group, please sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. If we have enough interest, we will work on setting up a group through the church to purchase tickets. (Individual tickets are \$69 plus tax through December 11, and \$79 plus tax after the 11th.) For more information go to Life-way.com/LivingProof.

Mark Your Calendar

- December 03:** CC4C Meeting
- December 08:** Yuth Christmas Party & Progressive Dinner
- December 09:** Sr. Adults to the Roanoke Symphony @ M'ville H. S.
- December 11:** Friendship Club Meeting
- December 13:** Sr. Adults to Tanger Outlet/Mebane, NC
- December 15:** Breakfast with Santa
- December 16:** Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
- December 22:** Children's Ministry Cookie Bake
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Communion Service (Office Closed)
- December 25:** Christmas Day (Office Closed)
- January 01:** New Years Day (Office Closed)

Book of the Month

"The Lopsided Christmas Cake"

By: Wanda E. Brunstetter & Jean Brunstetter

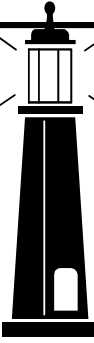


Join the Hochstetler twin sisters on stage as they bumble their way through baking a cake for a charity auction in front of a live audience.

The take-charge Elma and the klutzy optimist Thelma manage to entertain their audience—and attract the admiration of two bachelors, an outspoken woodworker and a shy harness maker from a neighboring Amish community. As fall leads into the Christmas season, could romance be blossoming for one or more of the Hochstetler twins?



Pastor Larry, Jan, and the staff of FBCC would like to wish each of you a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



First Baptist Church
3339 Virginia Ave.
Collinsville, VA 24078

Pastor: Rev. Larry Cheek
pastorlarrycheek@centurylink.net
Associate Pastor: Jarrod Pillsbury
pastorj.fbcc@gmail.com

Phone: 276-647-3774 Fax: 276-647-3775
Prayer Room Ministry: 647-3777

e-mail address: fbccollinsville@centurylink.net
web site: www.firstbaptistcollinsville.org

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 Impact	6:43 pm
Mission Friends	6:45 pm
Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

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

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

01 Albert Lawrence	28 Gary Walker
01 Joe Johnson	28 Walt Shaw
02 Melody Oliver	28 Heather Carter
03 Yvonne Harris	28 Robbie Wilson
04 Kevin Shropshire	28 Nic Houston
05 Sarah Scott	29 Kera Music
06 Paige Collins	30 Chad Cobb
09 Vera Bryant	30 Lisa Houston
09 Bill Mays	30 Melissa Alaoui
09 Susan Rodies	31 Perry Harmon
09 Kenny Inman	31 Babatunde "Sam" Olaiya
10 Nathan Roetken	
11 Rheba Shelor	
11 Tim Ramsey	

January Birthdays

13 Jenifer Mize	01 Otis Newman
14 Ann Amos	01 Sharon Anderson
15 Taujina Martin	01 William Wagoner
15 Beverly Inman	02 David Joyce
18 Leslie Houston	02 Bill Wagoner
18 Jerry Robertson	02 Megan O. Haak
18 Talyn Andrews	04 Michael Vernon
20 Sue Ella Ferguson	05 Beth Johnson
21 Gustavo Herrera	05 Jamie Collins
23 Doug Anthony	06 Carri Turner
23 Pat Walker	06 Lacey Flanagan
23 Barbara Kobelia	07 Carolyn Bowles
23 John Mayberry	07 Chris Rivera
23 Rebecca Vernon	07 Lena Rivera
26 Robert Divers, Sr.	09 Raymond Hall
27 Shirley Pagans	10 Carole Webb
27 Faye Collins	
27 Michelle Pace	

December Anniversaries

02 Albert & Louise Lawrence
05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman
12 Kevin & Amanda Harter
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
31 Ray & Lisa Rivera

January Anniversaries

06 Bill & Susan Wagoner
30 Ray & Shirley Parcell
12 Larry & Edith Sharpe



December 8: Yuth Christmas party and progressive dinner. Meet at the church at 4:45 pm

January 26: Snow Tubing Trip, details to come. Watch the Church Bulletins for more information.



Be sure to read the wonderful story of the birth of our Lord and Savior in Luke 1:18-25.