

# 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.**



## Planked Vision

The other day I was walking on the Dick and Willie Trail when I saw something I had never seen. As I made my way to the far end of the trail, in Martinsville, I looked to my left and saw a chimney. From the looks of the brick, it was part of a home that had been built many years ago. There was no other part of the house standing except the chimney. I had been on that trail many times, but that was the first time I noticed that chimney. Perhaps I was distracted all those other times. Or maybe the surrounding trees with their leaves had obstructed my view. Whatever the reason, I had been missing something that was right in front of me all the time.

Many times, our lives are like this as well. We go along life's journey without noticing some of the things that are closest to us. It could be a loyal friend that we have failed to thank. Or a great opportunity that we fail to take advantage of. Or a problem that we caused but have failed to take responsibility for. The list could be endless, but that is not the point. The point is that we need to take the necessary step(s) to help us see things as they really are.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us how to sharpen our focus. He tells us to, "*First remove the plank from your own eye...*" (Mt. 7:5). Before we will be able to clearly see what is going on around us, we must remove the object that is in the way. It may be that we need to ask Christ or someone else to forgive us for something we said or did. It could be that we need to get rid of a flimsy excuse that we have used to justify our actions or lack of them. Or it could be we have allowed fear to keep us from becoming who God has called us to be. Whatever the situation, it is up to each individual to determine what is keeping him/ her from fully experiencing God. Once the obstruction is determined we must take steps to remove it from our lives. Then we will see God and life as it really is.

*Blessings in Christ. Pastor Larry*

## Easter Schedule

April 09: Palm Sunday

April 13: Maundy Thursday

Communion Service—6:30 pm

April 14: Good Friday

April 15: Children's Ministry

Easter Egg Hunt—11:00 am

April 16: Easter Sunrise Serv.—6:45 am

Sunday School—9:45 am

Worship Service—11:00 am

April 17: Easter Monday

(Church Office Closed)



## CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY**

**April 15, 2017**

**11:00 a. m. to 12:30 p.m.**



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 15 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The hunt will be held in the lower playground at the church. In case of rain, we will move the event into the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The event is open to all children up to the age of twelve.

The children will be hunting for scripture filled eggs, with prizes going to the children for most eggs collected. Special symbols of Easter will also be hidden for the children to find. Bring your favorite basket! Light refreshments will be served.

Please be sure to invite your neighbors, your friends and your classmates to join us as we celebrate Easter.



## Prayer Room Ministry

February 2017

Cards Mailed Out: 93

Phone Calls Made: 46

Prayer Requests Received: 43

Prayers Prayed: 685

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 16 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 71

**Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777**

## In Sympathy:

Albert Joyce, husband of Hazel Joyce

Mary Johnson, sister of Bill Joyce

Helen Nelson, mother of Joan Collins, grandmother of Jason and Jamie Collins and Suzanne Terry.

Chester Rakes, father-in-law of Beverly Rakes

## Welcome New Member

Justin Morris joined the church by profession of faith and baptism on March 12, 2017. His address is 255 Burch Dr., Martinsville, VA 24112.

## New Arrival

Jason and Paige Collins proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Blayke Nicole Collins, born Wed, March 29. Blayke weighed 7 lbs. and 12 ozs. and was 20 1/4" long. Her BIG brother is Ethan Collins. Her grandparents are J.D. & Joan Collins and Kenny & Beverly Inman.

## CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT FOR THE "SONSHINE" CLASS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8 1:00PM—3:00PM**

The Children's Ministry will be participating in an Easter Egg Hunt for the members of our "SONSHINE" class and other guests on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

The children will need to be at the church at 12:00 noon. The members are already looking forward to the children's visit. The children will be hiding Easter eggs for the members and presenting the members with special treats. After the egg hunt we will take them for Pizza and then return to the church by 3:00pm.

## Situation Awareness Seminar For Churches

**Saturday, April 22, 2017 9:30—11:30am**

**First Baptist Church Collinsville**

Presented by Henry County Sheriff's Office

FBCC is in partnership with the Henry County Sheriff's Dept. in providing information on how to be observant, how to prevent or handle incidents, how to deal with volatile issues, allegations and much more.

This seminar is suggested for Pastors, Deacons, Ushers, hostesses and members of property committees.

## February Report

### Average Attendance

Sunday School	170
Worship Service	167
Monthly Offering needed (4 Sundays)	44,456
Monthly Offering Received	43,544
Rental Income	1,800
Monthly Operating Expenses	35,276
Operating Account Balance	284,281
CD's & Savings Balance	57,144
Weekday Education Acct. Balance	2,410
Benevolence Designated Fund	650
Project Hope	2,855
Bereavement Meal Ministry	1,157
Van Fund	2,940

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

## April Grace Network Food Item

**Beef Stew (15 oz. or larger) OR  
Assorted Vegetables (12-15 oz. can)**

## April Featured Items

**Toilet Paper OR Deodorant**

## April Nursery Workers

02 Kathy Draper, Cindy Vernon (Babies)  
Suzanne Terry, Britney Terry (Preschool))

09 Jason & Paige Collins (Babies)  
Brandon & Ashley Martin (Preschool)

16 Sandy Gary, Katrell Ramsey (Babies)  
Judy Dodson, Kellie Powell (Preschool)

23 Susan Wagoner, Lisa West (Babies)  
Chris & Angela Hatchett (Preschool)

30—Becky Nance, Pat Cobb (Babies)  
Ellen Prato, Diane Ferguson (Preschool)

(B) Babies—(T/P.S.) Toddlers/Pre School

## FBCC

**FOOD ITEM**

**FOR APRIL**

**FRUIT  
14-15 oz. can**

## WMU Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 11

Mount Vernon

Baptist Church

Pre-Service Music  
6:15 pm

Program Begins

6:30 pm

## SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

Christ has risen! The words that Mary Magdalene told the disciples many years ago. The greatest news that she could have given them. This is the month of Easter – our church will have a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30 P. M. on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunrise Service at 6:45 A.M. and Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 A.M. on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Hope that you can join us for these services.

Activities planned for senior adults during the month of April include:

**April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P. M. – Trip to Spencer-Penn** – The groups that will be performing are **The Wildmans and Mark Templeton & Pocket Change**. The cost of admission is \$4. We will also plan to eat dinner there. In case you have never been they serve hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken salad sandwiches, and homemade desserts. The van will leave the church at 6:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

**April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. – Trip to Spencer-Penn** – The group that will be performing is the **Dry Hill Draggers** – (I have never heard them but I understand they are an outstanding group who also do square dancing and clogging). They will perform from **2:00 – 4:00 P.M.** Since this is also the Pig Picking Day for Spencer-Penn we will leave at 1:00 P. M. so we can get a parking place and a good seat. The cost of admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door (if any tickets are left; there are a limited number of tickets). When you sign up be sure you are going because I plan to order the tickets in advance; so if your name is on the list you will be expected to pay the \$5.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> – Friendship Club** – The person that will be presenting the program is Mrs. Carolyn Rockwell. Her topic will be “Harriet Clark and the Life of Women in the 1800’s”. The social committee of the Friendship Club will prepare and serve lunch at a cost of only \$3. If you have never attended a meeting of the Friendship Club, I wish you would join

us; if you attended at one time and have not been for a while, come on back! The meeting starts at 10:00 A.M.

We may re-schedule our trip to Hamrick’s; watch the church bulletin for information.

**April 30<sup>th</sup> will be Senior Adult Sunday.** This is a day set aside to honor the senior adults of our church. Following the morning worship service, we will have a covered dish lunch in the social hall. Please hunt your favorite recipes and let’s prove what great cooks we have in our church. If you are unable to prepare a dish, we invite you to come and eat with us anyway.

Now that the weather is warmer, take time to get outside and talk to your neighbors; invite them to church. Don’t forget about the shut-ins – they would love a card, call or visit from you. And take time every day this month to thank God for sending his Son to be our Savior. Happy Easter!

*Betty Crotty, Senior Adult Coordinator*

### APRIL WMU MISSION

#### ACTION PROJECT

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. *Blessings, Lana Martin*

### *Ladies Card Ministry*

*Mon. April 24 @ 1:00pm*

*Making Birthday and*

*Anniversary Cards*

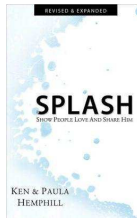
### COMING EVENTS:

#### **Baby Dedication Sunday, May 7**

If you would like to dedicate a baby or young child to Christ, please submit your information to the church by April 23.

#### **Memorial Day Sunday, May 28**

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.



## SPLASH

***“Show People Love and Share Him”***

By Ken & Paula Hemphill

***“To those who endeavor to SPLASH living water on all they meet”***

**6 Week Bible Study**

**Thurs., April 20 thru Thurs. May 25—6:30-7:30pm**

**Taught by Pastor Larry Cheek**

If you would like to make a **SPLASH** in your life or a friend’s life, please join us in this exciting Bible Study. This book is designed to assist you in developing a more intimate relationship with Christ.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the church office.



### VBS @FBCC

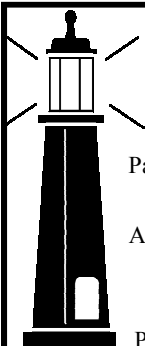
**Sun., June 18 — Thurs., June 22**

**Theme: *Galactic Starveyors***

***“Discovering the God of the Universe”***

Discover the incredible mysteries of the final frontier—right from your own backyard. Your telescope becomes a portal through which you encounter amazing and wonderful things designed by a Creator who is even bigger than the vastness of His creation. But the most amazing wonder to be discovered truly boggles the mind. The God who created everything there is—the knowable and unknowable, the visible and the invisible—wants a relationship with you! And from the very beginning, God had a plan to restore the relationship He knew we would break.

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15-16*



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Sunday School	9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 am
Children's Church	
Wednesday Evening Activities:	
Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
RA's & GA's	6:30 pm
Yuth Praise & Worship	6:45 pm
Mission Friends	6:45 pm
Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **April Birthdays**

01 Marietta Harmon	22 Ruby Wright
02 Pam Albanese	23 Joyce Pace
03 Debbie Hancock	24 Josh Acord
05 Ashleigh Breath	24 Diane Ferguson
06 Sharon Barrow	25 Whitney Sarver Engstrom
08 Jonathan France	29 Hamon Gilly
08 Essie Janey	30 Cindy Tilley

### **May Birthdays**

02 Carrie Williams	04 Tim Atwood
03 Ann Thomason	04 Sidney Lavinder
04 Tim Atwood	04 Wendy Gilbert
04 Sidney Lavinder	05 Ginny Fickling
04 Wendy Gilbert	05 Allison Prato
05 Ginny Fickling	05 Hope Johnson
05 Allison Prato	05 Michael Walker
05 Hope Johnson	06 Dee Amos Webb
05 Michael Walker	07 Thomas D. Kasey
06 Dee Amos Webb	07 Sarah France
07 Thomas D. Kasey	07 Shelly Gibson
07 Sarah France	10 Ann Conner Rose
07 Shelly Gibson	11 Sylvia McKinney
10 Ann Conner Rose	
11 Sylvia McKinney	

19 Nick Lea

### **April Anniversaries**

01 John & Sherry Flanagan
02 David & Melanie Catron
02 Matthew & April Lents
03 Rudy & Barb Kobelia
04 Wilfred & Nancy DeLancey
07 Harold & Gerry Nofsinger
07 Delano & Gae Thomasso
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

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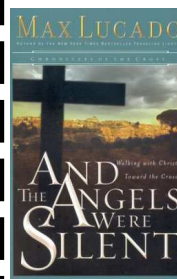
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## **Book of the Month**

### **"And the Angels Were Silent"**

**By: Max Lucado**



The players are entering the stage. The props are being put into position. All of heaven watches. It's the long-awaited week when no angel dares to sing. A hush falls over heaven as Jesus faces his final days. Note the firmness in His walk. Hear the conviction in His voice. Witness the courage of His deeds. See His Passion, Sense His Power. Hear His Promise!

With a gentleness laced with a new boldness, Max Lucado will help you see the heart of Christ and remember what really matters.