

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.



Well Thanksgiving is over and now we begin the rapid movement toward Christmas. Perhaps you have heard someone remark that Christmas has become too commercialized. It is true that for many people, Christmas is more about getting than giving—getting gifts, getting time off from work, getting to go to parties, etc. However, we must never forget that Christ came to give His life as ransom for the world. Below is a poem to help remind us of what Christmas is all about.

A Different Kind Christmas

by Joann Fuchs

Sometimes Christmas is just overwhelming, it seems,
As we rush around buying up stuff.
We spend without end, and we rack up those bills,
But it feels like it's never enough.

So this Christmas, let's all take a different approach:
Let's try to be more in accord
With God's Christmas gift, the best one of all--
Our sweet Jesus, our Savior, our Lord.

We'll be gentle and patient, and loving and kind,
And we'll keep our priorities straight;
The gifts of the Spirit, the gifts of the heart
Are the ones that we'll all celebrate.

And our stress will decrease, and we'll feel more at peace,
As we decorate, package, and trim;
Our new Christmas will be a pure joy and delight,
As we try to be much more like Him.

May your Christmas be filled with thoughts of Christ.

Pastor Larry & Mrs. Jan



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DATE: Saturday, December 09, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Fellowship Hall First Baptist Church Collinsville

Children of all ages, and the young at heart, please join us for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 09. Our Helping Hands Class will be serving up hot buttery pancakes, sausage, fruit, juices and coffee.

The children's Choir will be performing songs from their Christmas Program to be presented on December 13.

We will have a special visit from the Jolly fellow himself and his lovely wife, Mrs. Claus.

Please come and invite your friends, grandchildren and neighbors.



Christmas Cantata



"The Heart of Christmas"

By: Mike Speck

Sunday, December 17 @11:00am

Performed by the FBCC Adult Choir
Lead and directed by Penny Decker

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Sunday, December 24

6:00pm





Prayer Room Ministry

October 2017

Cards Mailed Out: 71

Phone Calls Made: 33

Prayer Requests Received: 39

Prayers Prayed: 937

Total # of Volunteers Serving: 14 (active)

Total Volunteer Hours Given: 70

Prayer Room Phone Number: 647-3777

FBCC Children's Choir

Musical & Drama "A Christmas Journey"

Wed., Dec. 13

6:45 pm in the Sanctuary



Please come and join us for this program. It will bless your heart!

2018 Budget Vote

The 2018 Budget passed by a vote of:

117 YES and **9 NO** on Sunday, December 3.



Wednesday, December 6

5:00-7:00pm

The Yuth will be setting up, serving and cleaning up for the Wed, Night Meal

October Report

Average Attendance

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| Sunday School | 158 |
| Worship Service | 169 |
| Monthly Offering needed (5 Sundays) | 55,570 |
| Monthly Offering Received | 36,308 |
| Rental Income | 1,800 |
| Other Income/Undesignated Memorials | 50 |
| Non Budgeted Expenses (Disaster Relief) | 6,500 |
| Monthly Operating Expenses | 42,249 |
| Operating Account Balance | 268,380 |
| CD's & Savings Balance | 57,144 |
| Weekday Education Acct. Balance | 5,829 |
| Benevolence Designated Fund | 411 |
| Project Hope | 2,855 |
| Bereavement Meal Ministry | 1,807 |
| Van Fund | 5,483 |

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

Welcome New Members

The church voted to receive **Jarrold and Rachel Pillsbury** for church membership on **November 5, 2017, on statement of faith.**

The church voted to receive **Daniel Craven** for church membership on November 19, 2017, by profession of faith and baptism.

In Sympathy:

Evelene Adkins, mother of Ron Adkins

Sandy Whitlow, sister of Don Fields and Connie Hodges

Samuel Chilton, step-father of Carol Gentry

New Contact Information

Norman & Joyce Jacobs, P.O. Box 812, Stanleytown, VA 24168

Wes & Jessica Martin, 1106 George Taylor Rd., Spencer, VA 24165

Lisa West New Telephone No.: 265-252-3675

2018 TITHING ENVELOPES

2018 Tithing Envelopes are now available for you to pick up. They are on a table in the vestibule.

Attention High Schoolers! Ready to make an **IMPACT** for God?! Get ready, because **High School bible study has moved from Wednesday to Mondays at Pastor J's House.** We will meet from 7:03 PM to around 8:33PM on Mondays. Now is your time to be able to ask the tough questions in bible study or go as deep as you want.

There will be a bible study and snacks to follow. Bring a friend or two or even three and let's have some great discussions on God's Word. Let's Make an **IMPACT!!!**

Pastor J's House - 212 Homestead Trail, Collinsville

December Grace Network Food Item

Sugar (4 lb. bag)

December Featured Items

Dish Detergent, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

DECEMBER NURSERY WORKERS

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

**FBCC
FOOD
PANTRY
ITEM
FOR
DECEMBER
Spaghetti
or
Ravioli
15-16oz. can**

SENIOR ADULT HAPPENINGS

Merry Christmas, my friends! As we approach the Christmas season, let's stop and think what a beautiful story surrounded the birth of Christ. God, our Father, arranged every detail with the greatest of care.

Activities for Senior Adults for the month of December include:

December 7th – Trip to Quilt Show at Piedmont Arts – This is a wonderful exhibit of quilts which were made by Linda Fiedler (who is definitely a master quilter). Following the exhibit we will go to Third Bay Cafe for lunch. There is no cost for the quilt exhibit. We will meet at the church at 10:00 A.M. and car pool to Piedmont Arts. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

December 10th – Concert by the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra at Martinsville High School (sponsored by Pied

mont Arts) – This is a favorite of those who have heard the Orchestra and a treat for those who have not heard it. The van will leave the church at 6:15 P.M.; the concert begins at 7:00 P.M. You may purchase your tickets in advance or at the door on the night of the concert. Regular tickets are \$15; reserved seats are \$25. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

December 12th – Friendship Club – 10:00 A.M. Gene Parker, who plays the guitar, will be presenting our program. He has played for us before and his wife sang with him (maybe she will join him again). The meal will be covered dish. The meat, drinks and bread will be furnished by the Friendship Club so prepare one of your best recipes and share it with us for lunch. Don't forget to bring chapstick to be used to fill the stockings for Harmony Hall, Stanleytown, and Blue

Ridge Manor.

Henry County Baptist has one trip that still has openings if you are interested. This will be a visit to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Kentucky on April 16-18, 2018. This sounds like it is a long time off but if you plan to go, Betsy Ivey must have \$100 when you sign up and the full amount by March 2nd. See Betsy if you have any questions. In 2018 a trip is being planned for Lancaster, PA. One of the things that will be included on this trip will be the Sight and Sound Play, "Jesus".

As you gather for Christmas activities with your family, take time to read the Christmas story once again. It never grows old. Give a call, send a card or make a visit to some of our shut-ins.

Betty Crotty, Senior Adult Coordinator



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 Offering. **The Post office will close on Sunday, December 24. There is an updated list of names and addresses located at the Lottie Post Office for your convenience.**

Ladies Card Ministry

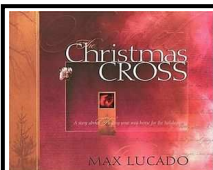
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Meet in December



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. 18th. We will place a list in the bulletin on Dec. 24th acknowledging these gifts.



Book of the Month "Christmas Cross" By: Max Lucado

The Christmas Cross is a story about finding your way home for the holidays, told in the context of one man's journey in a small Texas town. Unique interactive elements inside this book-including envelopes with pullout letters and surprises-makes this a one-of-a-kind Christmas treasure.

WMU MISSION ACTION PROJECT

Thank You to all who shared the coats and items for the Warming Center. We have such a giving church! Our December Project is our Shut-Ins and the New Life Orphanage. And..... don't forget the Lottie Moon Post Office.

Henry County Baptist Association Senior Adult Trip April 16-18, 2018

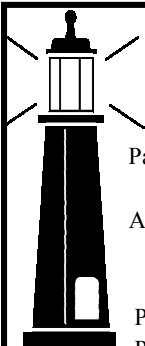
Ark Encounter & Creation Museum & More

Includes Motorcoach, 2 Nights Lodging in Newport KY, 2 Full Breakfasts at the Hotel, Admission to the Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY Admission to the Ark Encounter, Williamstown, KY, Purple People Bridge Complex in Newport, KY, Admission to Kentucky Thoroughbred Center Tour, Lexington, KY, Hotel Taxes, meal gratuities and driver tip.

\$425.00 Double, \$379.00 Triple, \$355.00 Quad, \$569.00 Single
Deposit of \$100.00 due upon sign-up, balance due by March 2, 2018.
Make checks payable to Patsy's Tours but send to Betsy Ivey at 85 Woodshire Rd., Collinsville, VA 24078.

For more information see flyer on the Bulletin Board.

Travel Cancellation Insurance an extra \$69.00 which is non-refundable.



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| 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 |
| Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 pm |

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

Return Service
Requested

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

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| 01 Albert Lawrence | 23 Barbara Kobelia |
| 01 Joe Johnson | 23 John Mayberry |
| 02 Melody Oliver | 23 Rebecca Vernon |
| 03 Yvonne Harris | 25 Paul Harmon |
| 04 Kevin Shropshire | 25 Robert Divers, Sr. |
| 05 Sarah Scott | 27 Faye Collins |
| 06 Paige Collins | 27 Shirley Pagans |
| 09 Vera Bryant | 27 Michelle Pace |
| 09 Bill Mays | 28 Gary Walker |
| 09 George Hundley | 28 Walt Shaw |
| 09 Susan Rodies | 28 Heather A. Carter |
| 09 Kenny Inman | 28 Robbie Wilson |
| 10 Nathan Roetken | 28 Nic Houston |
| 11 Rheba Shelor | 29 Kera Music |
| 11 Tim Ramsey | 30 Chad Cobb |
| 13 Jenifer Mize | 30 Lisa Houston |
| 14 Ann Amos | 30 Melissa I. Alaoui |
| 15 Taujinia Martin | 31 Perry Harmon |
| 15 Beverly Inman | <u>January Birthdays</u> |
| 18 Leslie Houston | 01 Otis Newman |
| 18 Jerry Robertson | 01 Sharon Anderson |
| 20 Sue Ella Ferguson | 01 William Wagoner |
| 23 Doug Anthony | 02 David Joyce |
| 23 Pat Walker | 02 Bill Wagoner |
| | 02 Megan Haak |

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| 04 Michael Vernon |
| 05 Beth Johnson |
| 06 Jamie Collins |
| 06 Lacey Flanagan |
| 06 Carri Turner |
| 07 Carolyn Bowles |
| 07 Chris Rivera |
| 07 Lena Rivera |

December Anniversaries

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| 02 Albert & Louise Lawrence |
| 05 Raymond & Barbara Prillaman |
| 08 Wayne & Sylvia McKinney |
| 12 Kevin & Amanda Harter |
| 14 Mark & Judy Anthony |
| 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 and Lisa Rivera |

January Anniversaries

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| 06 Bill & Susan Wagoner |
| 07 Jim & Janice Garrett |
| 07 Jarrod & Rachel Pillsbury |
| 30 Ray & Shirley Parcell |

TAKE NOTICE

The Church Office will be closed on Saturday, December 23 thru Tuesday, December 26. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 27.

The Staff of FBCC wishes each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with God's Blessings, Love, Good Health, and Happiness.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 3-9: Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Dec. 10: Friendship Club

Dec. 13: Children's Choir Musical and Drama

Dec. 17: Christmas Cantata

Dec. 23-26: Office closed/Christmas

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service

Jan. 1: Office Closed